

Jane Stenson PTA Meeting. December 2, 2013. 7 pm

Present: Angela Bojinov, Ana Bryant, Pazit Burstin, Joanne Fuller, Wendy Gahm, Debra Hatchett, Karen Koehler- Davis, Jason Malina, Cheri Mandel, Katie McNelley, Rondell Merrill, Sue O'Neil, Kim Savini, Pia Yfantis

Welcome and meeting called to order by Kim Savini.

Secretary's Report (Ana Bryant) - Minutes from November 4, 2013 were read independently. Recommended changes noted. Motion to approve: Pazit Burstin, second Jason Malina.

Treasurer's report (Pia Yfantis) - The deposits for school store shown on the treasurer's report will always be less than the ending balance on the cash receipts log because \$23.00 is left in the cash box as change for the next school store sale date.

The school store sells merchandise at retail price; items are typically marked up only to the nearest nickel. Some of the profit made by the school store comes from Eva taking advantage of sales and discount programs when ordering school store supplies.

The report did not include the recent restaurant night at Village Inn because the check had not come in. Estimated total was \$220.00 for that event.

GoodSearch earned \$23.00 for the year. One cent is earned if we use this as our search engine. Another possible way to make additional funds through GoodSearch is to click on participating merchants that day. A percentage will go to the school. A link will be put on the PTA Website.

The number of JSPTA members is really 130 instead of 131. A parent paid twice by mistake and graciously converted the fee into donation. Also, there was an open question to the district regarding dues paid by a couple of families who may no longer live in the district.

KidStuff coupon book sales extended. There are 33 books left. Books will be sold at the dance.

President's Report (Kim Savini) - Regarding the cultural arts performance that Mrs. O'Neil cancelled...."Thank you for contacting me. The performance was not up to our expectations, so we will not be charged for the one performance that did occur at Stenson. I am working with the agency, Urban Gateways, to book a different cultural arts performance group to come to Stenson in January/February.," said Andy Carpenter, in response to my inquiry.

During winter break, consider which committee you would like to chair. Goal is to have each person chair only one committee. This is to allow other, new volunteers to chair committees. Deadline to decide will be at March's meeting.

Inquiries were made about having after school programs at Jane Stenson provided by outside vendors. Devonshire sponsors taekwondo and we were interested to know why we don't offer any of these types of programs at Stenson.

Committee Reports

School Store: Eva- Not present, No updates on the traffic flow dilemma.

Box Tops: Kim/Joanne- party is Dec.12. New contest will run from Dec.2- Feb.14. Next deadline is March 1st, 2014.

Market Day: LaCeysha- Not present, nothing to report.

Spiritware: Kim- sent in orders on the 18th, we took in \$2579.00. This is less than what we budgeted for, but it was more than last year. We earned a bit more than what our cost was, \$95, but this covers shipping costs and other associated costs.

Silent Auction: Debra, Wendy, Stephanie, Karen - Met on Sunday. Too stressful to piggy-back with Family Game Night. Goal is to have it when there will be a large group. Looking to move the date to May, maybe a mother's day event. Another potential option is to piggy-back it with another event, such as the mental

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mathematician, Brainetics by Mike Byster. He doesn't charge to come to schools, supposedly. Otherwise, will have it on its own on a different day.

International Night: April 9, 2014. One act booked, Mexican dance group from Wisconsin. We are using cultural arts grant money to pay for this act. Discussion had regarding the food, activities, ticketing, and performances. No decisions were made. Concerns regarding violation of fire code if there are too many people in attendance. Talked about creating a cookbook with recipes from our families so we can sell as a "fundraiser" and keepsake. Concerns brought up regarding having more Stenson kids participating in the acts. In previous years, performers were not clear in which entrance they enter or exit.

Board of Education: Michele - Not present, nothing reported.

Ways & Means:

- Kid Stuff Books: Debra - Thus far 56 books sold. Walgreens has a contract with Entertainment books so they are unable to sell Kid Stuff Books. Kid Stuff Books focus is in the schools and not retail.
- Pie cards deadline 1/6/2014.

Principal's Report (Mrs. O'Neil):

Update from attending the District technology learning team meeting. Every 5-7 years there are curriculum reviews. Reviewing reading, language arts, arts, and music. Now looking at technology and what direction to take the district in. One to one computing. Global education. Two Stenson parents attended. Also, reviewing the science curriculum. There are new common core standards for science, called next generation of science standards. Parents, school board members, and teachers are working on how to "amp up" the science curriculum.

There will be a meeting for the 5th grade parents regarding Outdoor Ed on Wednesday, December 4. It will give them information about what the student's will need for the 3 day trip to East Troy, WI.

Thanks for the PTA's hard work and dedication.

Joanne Fuller - Student council's loose change drive was donated to the Red Cross for the Philippines. It was very successful.

Upcoming Events

Family Dance - 12/13/13 @ 6:30-8:00 pm

Board of Education - 12/17/13 @7:30 pm

Choir Winter concert - 4 & 5th graders - 12/17/13 in the music room @ 7 pm

Market Day pickup - 12/19/13 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Winter break - 12/21/13 - 1/5/14

Next PTA meeting - 1/6/14 @ 7 pm

Science Fair - 1/21/14

Variety Show - 1/31/14

Next restaurant night - 2/27/14

Adjourned at 9:10pm, by Kim Savini.