

**Present:**

Priya Amin, Liliana Bedoya, Angela Bojinov, Ana Bryant, Pazit Burstin, Carrie Butera, Nikki Cohan, Laceysha Cowans, Melisa Dervisevic, Joanne Fuller, Wendy Gahm, Michelle Harris, Debra Hatchett, Karen Lostaunau, Ken Malatesta, Joanne Mallari, Cheri Mandel, Jena Martino, Katie McNelley, Rondell Merrill, Amy Noonan, Sue O'Neil, Wannapa P-Eubanks, Eva Rafas, Jen Ruffner, Kim Savini, Vanessa Schneider, Cyndi Stevens, Stephanie Welt, Pia Yfantis

**Welcome and meeting called to order by Kim Savini at 7:05 pm..**

**Secretary's report:** (Ana Bryant) - Minutes from May 2013 PTA meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve by Jennifer Ruffner, second Carrie Butera, motion carries.

**Treasurer's report:** (Pia Yfantis) - Members up by one more than last year.\$690 revenue.

- Ways/means - Profits from Book Fair are returned the school library in form of books donated to the school(no monetary funds).. Book fair will be held on 10/9 and 10/10.Donation box will be put out during book fair. Innisbrook sales came in at \$2600 last year,hoping we can do better this year.
- Miscellaneous - Register Jane Stenson with your Target credit card.
- Box tops - 10 cents/ label goes back to the school.
- Silent auction-\$2100 last year. Debra Hatchett will be managing this committee this year.
- Spirit wear - No profits are expected for this is something done for the school. Last year \$240 was spent.
- Student activities - Spending \$8300.00. Every other year the red shirts are bought, \$2300 is allocated for this.
- Parent/teacher progress- there is no change for staff appreciation.
- Debra heading trial fundraiser of selling coupon books. Books are \$25. The school would keep \$12.50.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion to approve Michele Harris, second Karen Lostaunau, motion carries.

**President's report:** (Kim Savini)

- to promote fundraisers we need to put flyers on outside of all exit doors. Also, try to put a flyer in teacher's mailbox so they can hang in classroom. Committee chairs put together flyers so Kim can email Mrs. Becker for e-blasting.
- Kim will be the ONLY one emailing Mrs. Becker to include anything in e-blasts so she (Mrs. Becker) isn't bombarded with emails.
- Child care for parent teacher conference eliminated due to budget constraints. Could be reinstated if budget allows.
- Teacher involvement- please forward any ideas to increase teacher participation to Kim.
- Michelle Harris volunteered to report Board of Education meetings.
- Striving to have one hour PTA meetings.
- Thank you notes from last year 5th grade party.

**Committee Reports**

**Cultural Arts:** (Debra/Kim) Grant application will be made to the village of Skokie Fine Arts Commision. Historically funded.

**Restaurant Nights:** (Karen L.) Restaurant night expanded to four evenings during the school year to earn extra income for the PTA. First restaurant night to be at Chuck E. Cheese on 9/25, 3-8 pm.15% sales go back into the PTA.

**School store:** (Eva) Going well. Ordered in August.

**Pre-pack:** (Eva) Went well.

**Box tops:** (Kim & Joanne) Fall contest 8/26 - 10/25. Due November 1st. Class with the most box tops wins pizza party.

**Market Day:** (Laceysha/Michelle) Need volunteers to help on pick up days(Thursday). At some GFS Market Place you can make Market Day purchases. Just mention Jane Stenson.

**Family Fun Night:** (Debra) Magic by Randy- 10/23, 7-8 pm. Free to Stenson students. Parents\ guardians must accompany students.

**Silent Auction:** (Debra) To increase visibility moved to the same night as Family Game Night. Jennifer Ruffner to serve on this committee.

**PTA Membership:** (Karen K.D.) Absent

**Innisbrook:** (Karen K.D.) Absent

**Room Parent:** (Sue T.) Absent

Committee chairs not present so reports rescheduled.

**Principal's report:** ( Sue O'Neil)

- Orientation was well attended. Concerns were raised how difficult it was for working parents to attend.
- District constructing science learning team committee. Currently, taking in applications.
- Conference sign up coming out soon. For families with more than one child, teacher will work with them.
- Fall Fest -9/12/2013
- Parent mentoring program through a grant. Works with ELL parents. Parents come every day for 2 hours for entire school year. Information meeting is on 9/10 @ 9 am.
- Second recess eliminated. Indoor movements break will continue. Goal is to capture instruction time.

**New Business**

Canyon candles- Rep will bring products to demonstrate.

A motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 was made by Rondell Merrill. Seconded by Eva Rafas. Motion carried.