

## **November PTO Meeting Minutes November 2, 2009**

In Attendance: 14 Jenna Newton, Adria Carter, Stephanie Wojasinski, Susan Steinbach, Michelle Hutchins, Peggy Miles, Karrah Jensen, Rhonda Simonson, Nicole Mackinson, Bonnie Young, Sara Reid, Lula Zimmermann, Kelly Schwamberger, Amy Kinsella

The October minutes were reviewed on the smart board. A motion to approve was made by Lula Zimmermann and seconded by Peggy Miles.

**President's Report:** Nicki attended a district wide PTO president's meeting. Dr. Niehaus attended also and wanted to make us aware of a few things:

- District is pleased with math scores; reading & writing are the focus.
- Flu Report-Schools would only close as a "health emergency" if 35% of students were sick
- Hazardous Transportation Routes-If you believe your child has a hazardous route (i.e. where they're picked up) & you're still having trouble with the bus garage you may email him your concerns.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rhonda Simonson reported our balance as of 10/31/09 is \$7,330.52. We have not received the bill yet from QSP for our October fundraiser.

**Fundraising:** Fran VonHolten

We raised approximately \$9600.00 in catalog sales, and \$931.00 in Internet sales. We earn 50% profit for gift sales and 40% profit for magazine sales. Fran will contact people from her volunteer list to help distribute the items once they arrive at school. Overall people were happy with the selection in the QSP catalogs and felt they were similar to Kathryn Beichs last year. The shipping & handling on Internet orders was less with this company & products were received within a week. Fran will look into booking dates with Chili's, Avanti's and Monical's for future restaurant fundraising days.

**Box Tops Contest:** Mrs. Heaser's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class won & will have a popcorn party. Contests will be bi-monthly.

**Deck the Halls:** Stephanie Wojasinski

Will have 5 craft stations set up & 1 tattoo station Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stephanie has her list of volunteers & will be calling if you signed up for that.

**Winter Supper:** Reminder date changed to **Thursday, February 25, 2010**

**Basket Raffle:** Becky McCarthy/Karen Showalter

Becky has mailed out letters to all businesses who donated previously. Once donations are received they will decide whether there will be a silent auction again. "Corny" from the Cornbelters will be attending. Looking into possibly having the "Zoo Lady" also.

**Hospitality:** Bonnie Young

VIP day is Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 11:30

Thank you to Ms. Steinbach for giving the Slate presentation!

**Teacher Request:** Mrs. Carter

We previously approved purchasing 3 new patrol vests; however, they were not up to “code”. The vests must be able to be “torn away” in case someone would try to take the child or if it was caught in a door... New purchase price is \$77.85 for 3 vests. Motion to approve made by Amy Kinsella seconded by Jenna Newton.

**Principal Report:** Karrah Jensen

- School focus is on WOW (words of the week)
- 7 Keys, month 2, background knowledge
- H1N1 update: Mr. Smock is extremely diligent about cleaning the building. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders are now washing their hands before they sit down to eat lunch everyday.
- Benjamin Elementary Update: Contact Marlys Bennington through school website with any questions. Approximately 25 students will be transferring there next year.
- Veteran’s Day Assembly will be at 2:00 Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to honor Towanda veterans.
- United Way: \$900.00 was raised this year
- Go Green: would like to set up newsletter to be emailed through the Skyward distribution list
- Volunteer Screening Update: 110 volunteers screened for Towanda
- AC/DC started Thursday: Participation exploded! Will separate kids K-2 and 3-5 in drama club due to different curriculum. Art club may be same curriculum.

**Teacher Request’s:**

Assembly for School House Rocks live presentation (early next year). Motion to approve by Karen Showalter & seconded by Michelle Hutchins. \$400.00

We tabled a list of I-Time requests from several teachers until next month. We need to see what our balance will be after we pay our portion of the QSP fundraiser bill.

**Donation Request:**

Nicki learned from her district PTO meeting that all “feeder” schools are being asked to make a donation to the Benjamin Elementary PTO to help get them started. We have approximately 25 kids transferring to that school next year. We agreed that we should give them some monetary donation, but we will decide the actual amount at a later date.

Motion to adjourn made by Lula Zimmermann, seconded by Susan Steinbach.