

## **October PTO Meeting Minutes October 5, 2009**

In Attendance: 21 Laura Beth Litwiller, Karrah Jensen, Michelle Hutchins, Peggy Miles, Jackie Kraft, Mary Wagoner, Jill Frazier, Linda Conder, Lula Zimmermann, Kelly Schwamberger, Jamie Jackson, Jenny Crow, Fran VonHolten, Bonnie Young, Valerie Dotson, Martha Rients, Jane Phillips, Heather Mather, Rhonda Simonson, Nicki Mackinson, Amy Kinsella

President Nicki Mackinson called the meeting to order. The September minutes were reviewed on the Smart Board. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Conder and seconded by Lula Zimmermann.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rhonda Simonson reported that the IRS has waived our late fees due to past taxes not being filed by the PTO. (We didn't know we were supposed to file) A teacher allotment of \$50.00 is being given to Mrs. Eaton, approved by Jamie Jackson seconded by Jackie Kraft.

Kelly Schwamberger has updated the Towanda homepage with a list of peanut free foods.

**Fundraising:** Fran VonHolten

The Fundraiser kicked off October 2<sup>nd</sup> and all order forms and money need to be turned in on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>. We are requesting feedback on the fundraising catalog as to whether we want to stay with this company next year. Monical's Pizza fundraiser is Monday, October 12 all day and we'll receive 20%.

Box Tops: Nicki reported for Staci Christensen that teachers just need to keep an envelope in their classroom for box tops. There will be no cutting/counting by teachers, Staci will do that.

**Winter Supper:** Jamie Jackson has the volunteer list. There was some concern about the scheduled date for the supper since there is no school that Monday. Less time to sell/cut tickets... It was decided to move the **Winter Supper to Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. This will be communicated in the November newsletter. Jamie is checking with La Gondola for the menu and prices. Motion to approve by Linda Conder and seconded by Lula Zimmermann.

**Hospitality:** Bonnie Young

PTO will provide lunch for teachers & staff on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> during Parent/Teacher conferences.

**Grounds:** Peggy Miles didn't receive the landscaping plans drawn up previously. Will wait until Spring to plant hostas near entry, Black Eyed Susans on south side & re-landscape the sign. Letters on school sign were only hot glued on. Phone numbers are disconnected for the people who installed/made the sign... Mr. Smock used some sort of epoxy to re-apply the letters. Thanks Mr. Smock!!

**Teacher Requests:** Mrs. Carter requests new chess boards (\$70.00) due to increase in membership and 3 new safety patrol vests @ \$8.79 each (\$26.37). Approved by Jamie Jackson, seconded by Mary Wagoner.

Martha Rients requested help with Step Up program for Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students. Helpers needed Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10:50 to 11:20. You can pick a day. This is very structured, if you can read, you can help. The lesson plan tells you exactly what to do. Please contact Martha @ 728-2178 if you're able to help.

**Principal Report:** Mrs. Jensen reports that the Smart Board slates for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been received by the teachers. (These were approved last May for purchase, but the order was never submitted) In the future, the teachers will give a presentation and show us how they work. ISAT scores online to view. School Report Card is posted. Major School Focus: Reading Comprehension-sensory images, Vocabulary Development  
The district grounds supv. reports no major safety concerns with the playground equipment. Volunteer screening will continue for anyone who still needs to complete.  
AC/DC club to start soon.

Reading A-Z membership need 1 primary & 1 intermediate \$84.95 each. Approved by Linda Conder, seconded by Fran VonHolten.

Step 2 Kits- Mrs. Page & Ms. Taylor request these materials be purchased to keep at Towanda so they don't have to pack them up & cart them to us each week. Waiting on prices.

SRA Reading Kits- Level 1 & 2 at \$802.08 each (need two \$1604.16) approved by Linda Conder seconded by Fran VonHolten.

Goal Setting is for Audio/Visual equipment & Intervention material.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Conder seconded by everyone.