

## PTO Minutes for September 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Gail Polizzi.

Attendance: Gail Polizzi, Marcy Reeves, Jill Folk, Nicole Richardson, Brenda Ramsby, Eve Steder, Kara Anderson, Deb Moore, Laura Sheridan, Nicole Milbrath, Laura McCartney, Patty Rohde, Bonnie Maiella

Treasurer's Report: Lynn submitted her report to Gail. Balance was noted at approximately \$200.00 after T-Shirt orders.

Brenda Ramsby took a moment to speak regarding the Winnebago Special Education Cooperative SCRIP program. Purchasing gift cards through the SCRIP program and designating money to go to Amy Peil will allow incentives to be bought for the PBIS program. Brenda dismissed herself.

The new officers took a moment to introduce themselves and explain Lynn M's treasurer position. At this time it was made known this is a new PTO that is still learning. The more input from attendees is much appreciated!

The discussion continued on the need for fundraisers to ensure our ability to continue to support the school at the level PTO has in the past. Gail noted that funding such as picture profits used to be fully given to PTO is now only given on a partial level due to the schools need for funding.

Gail Polizzi started the Flowerpower fundraiser this summer. 50% of proceeds come back to PTO- \$66 so far!

One of the greatest programs at risk for not continuing if funding is not available- Accelerated Reading Program Auction.

**Red Ribbon Week:** Pledge to be free Walk will be a new fundraiser for the PTO held this week on October 25. Details still needing to be worked out: sheets for pledges, time/place for walk, questioned Lynn M.'s ability to provide music for the walk, PTO determined no need for water bottles to save money as well as families have many water bottles, etc.

Themes for the week: Monday- Red Day, Tuesday- PJ Day, Wednesday- Hat/Crazy Hair Day, Thursday- Sports Day, Friday- School Spirit/Costume day?

Decorating for Red Ribbon will occur on October 23 at 3pm including streamers and posters (still determining what/where posters are available).

A paper links- chain program will also be encouraged as a competition between classes. Children will be able to purchase a "chain link against drugs" for \$0.25. PTO determined that this will not inhibit walk proceeds as this will be loose change and more of a fun competition for the kids.

Children have in the past received various drug free items every day during this week through Naier. Determined that children enjoy such, but not necessary to spend beyond Naier to save much needed money.

**Campbell Soup Labels:** Deb Moore is in question of her role as chair on determine how the 24,000 pts should be spent. Determined that it would be up to PTO to decide.

**Santa's Workshop:** Marcy reported that she will be attending with Bonnie this coming Wednesday the Santa's Workshop open house to determine what items will be part of the workshop this year- anyone is welcome to attend with them. Santa's Workshop will be held Nov 28- Dec. 2 with an evening hours for the first time.

**Citizenship Lunch-** starts Oct. 18. Laura Sheridan is heading this and Bonnie will help Laura set up starting at 10:30. Items needing to be supplied by PTO: plates, napkins (maybe donated from DSB), water bottles (donated by CVS), Kool Aid Jammers (currently on sale at Pacemaker so Laura will purchase now), 5 balloons per table (ordered from Hearth and Garden), and Pizza (ordered from Cimino's). This will occur every 3rd Tues of the month from October forward.

**Teacher Appreciation Dinner-** Questioned about the possibility of requesting dish to pass from parents and looking at other options for food to save much needed money.

**Additional information-** need to determine best ways to inform parents about PTO and have them understand how money is spent to encourage their participation in fundraisers. It was brought up having a PTO newsletter to keep families informed. Kara graciously agreed to take this project on.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Folk