

## **PTA Meeting Minutes**

Date: 12-9-08

Attendees: Elena Willet - Y  
Karen Miller - Y  
Carrie Pechtel - Y  
Jennifer Spoppable - Y  
Monica Poitras - Y  
Angie Clizbe - Y  
Lisa Askew – N – prior commitment – sent email  
Corky Fisher - N – prior commitment  
Ms. Vazal - N  
Ms. Hickok - N

Additional Participants: Shelly Woodard, Roger Rhodes, Barb Fisher, Lisa VanAernam

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept – Karen Miller and Barb Fisher

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept – Karen Miller and Lisa VanAernam

- Christmas Concert Flowers: Mrs. Lester to ask Mrs. Simek
- PTA Holiday gifts – TBD – Discussions to follow.

### **Hospitality:**

- Thank you from Pleasant Avenue PTA for assisting with their open house.
- Jansen Ave staff/Mrs. Lester for the Birthday goodies

### **Central Council:**

- Corky Fisher nor Lisa Askew in attendance

### **School Store:**

- Corky Fisher not in attendance.

### **Popcorn Sales:**

- Michelle Heroth not in attendance.

### **Fundraiser:**

- Cookie Dough fundraiser: Start date will be January 9<sup>th</sup> and run through January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Box Tops/Tools for Schools/Campbells/Hannaford/Ink Cartridges:**

- Box tops: Mrs. Kollar's Class won for most submitted in November.
- Campbell's: Lisa VanAernam submitted for end of year.

### **Old/New Business:**

- Holiday float:
  - Rope lighting for the float: Total Cost of lights \$47.94. Jansen Avenue PTA is going to absorb the cost to re-use at our disposal vs. sharing burden with other 3 elementary schools.
  - Michelle Heroth and Barb Fisher purchased ornaments to be used by Jansen Avenue – thank you!
  - Decision was made for Jansen to do own float next year. Poor communication and lack of organization resulted in last minute stress and rushing around. All efforts to overcome were greatly appreciated.
- Founder's Day:
  - Names of chosen recipients have been submitted to Central Council (Mike Heberer). Winners will be contacted by Elena Willet.
  - Founder's Day dinner is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Townhouse (old Rainbow) with cocktails beginning around 6pm. Details will be finalized and communicated
  - Founder's Day Basket theme has also been submitted: Bustin' a Groove. Flyers to go home with the students 12-11-08
- Mishael Boyer and City Wide Award nominees have been submitted to Mike Heberer on behalf of Jansen Avenue.

- Bingo Night January 9<sup>th</sup> – Elena to contact Lisa Askew for details, assistance required, etc.
- Student Council: 28 turkeys were donated for the Christmas baskets. 14 baskets will be assembled – 2 turkeys per basket for such a long break. Mr. Westman’s group to do food drive for the baskets. They will be offering gift wrapping for \$.25 per present at Santa’s Workshop on Thursday night, 12-11-08.
- Santa’s workshop: Ready to go. Going to purchase cookies and use juice from PTA closet. Only charging \$1 for picture with Santa.
- Afterschool ski program – to start Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Lisa VanAernam to send out information.
- Winter Concert Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm & 7pm. No Admission fee but please bring a non-perishable food item for the Holiday Baskets. (No Glass Containers Please.)
- Mr. Rhodes and Ms. Hickok would like to take their classes on a trip to see the Egypt exhibit at AHA. The cost per student is \$7 per student and includes hands on activities. Mr. Rhodes wanted to ask the PTA if we would consider sponsoring part of the cost to reduce the cost per student amount. We let him know that the budget includes a budget for each class for field trips and that the two teachers combined can use their funds for that purpose. They will need to fill out paperwork to request funds. Mr. Rhodes will contact the district about transportation.
- Carnival Games: Need to replenish some games. Would like some new, fun, BIG carnival games. Barb Fisher to coordinate meeting to discuss. If you are crafty and would like to help out, please contact her.
- Jennifer Sponnoble voiced a concern and wants to be sure that there is adequate representation for Jansen Avenue regarding the Johnstown School Restructuring meetings. Per a conversation, there are at least 2 parents from Jansen. First meeting will be on Thursday at 6pm. It is an open forum for anyone to attend.

#### **Principal’s Report:**

- Thank you for the float.
- Ms. Hickok will need a volunteer to assist with Santa pictures. Mr. Rhodes is a maybe. Mrs. Lester will also mention to staff.
- Mrs. Lester looking to eliminate the ice cream reward for Honor Roll. Feels students grades are a family matter. Not fair to the few students that are left behind and couldn’t participate. Trying to get away from rewarding with food.
- Good Search – used by Glebe and Knox. Search engine that donates 50% of it’s revenue to charities and schools. Google for further information. [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)
- PTA Bulletin Board – Can use to promote upcoming events, put pictures from past events, meeting notices, etc. Suggest using the one outside of the office for full view of parents. Hospitality to maintain.
- Bookfair – Mrs. Lester to have taken off of school calendar as it’s been cancelled.

#### **Action Items:**

- Christmas Concert Flowers: Mrs. Lester to ask Mrs. Simek what was done last year and if they need PTA’s assistance.
- Bingo Night January 9<sup>th</sup> – Elena to contact Lisa Askew for details, assistance required, etc.
- Founder’s Day winners – Elena to contact

Next Meeting:

January 13, 2009 at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE JANSEN AVENUE PTA!**