

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-9-2008

Attendees: Monica Poitras, Elena Willett, Michelle Heroth, Carrie Pechtel, Lisa Brown, Sue Ackerbauer, Jennifer Sponnable, Colleen Lester, Angie Clizbe, Jill Richardson, Shelly Barnum, Jennifer Lander, Jessi Stuart, Jodi Kilmer, Rebekah VanAernam, Kelly Woodard, Lucinda Ormiston, Amy Kollar, Jen Hickok, Corky Fisher, Nadeen Rizzo, Karen Miller, Lisa Askew, Rebecca Akers, Stephanie Bordis (Apologies if I missed anyone.)

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June 2008 meeting can be found on the Jansen Avenue Website.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Karen Miller, Carrie Pechtel

- Budget 2008-2009:
 - Popcorn Sales: Need to increase amount for supplies.
 - Common Council Dues to increase to \$150
 - Carnival Cost: Brought budget down due to lower expenditures this year.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

- Welcome Back to School breakfast: Jennifer Sponnable circulated sign-up sheet to bring in a contribution of baked goods, etc.
- Staff Birthday Celebrations: Jennifer Sponnable circulated sign-up sheet to bring in a contribution of baked goods, etc for the monthly celebration.
- Recognition of Mr. DeMarco's retirement. A gift card was purchased in celebration. Will be sending out soon.

Central Council: First meeting is Thursday, 9-11-08.

School Store: Corky Fisher will open on Thursdays from 8:30am-9am. Many interested volunteers will be contacted to help out with additional hours.

Popcorn Sales:

Mrs. Simek is working on schedule for the year. Michelle Heroth mentioned that there is enough supply for this Friday's sale for Mrs. Sitts. She has plenty of volunteers for this week but will be looking for volunteers once schedule is published.

Fundraiser:

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

- **Box Tops:** Please continue to save these. We will be collecting them again this year. Nadeen Rizzo will coordinate this year with others that volunteered. Will continue with the contest among the classes. Details TBD.
- **Tools for Schools:** Terry Swierzoski(sp) was previously helping out.
Elena will contact her for further information. Potentially need a volunteer to help out.
Details to be communicated soon.
- **Campbells:** Please continue to save these. We will be collecting them again this year.
Elena to contact Lisa VanAernam to see if she will continue assisting.
- **Hannaford:** Flyer sent home on how to participate. Dates to participate run September 4th through December 4th. Elena to contact Lisa VanAernam to see if she will continue assisting.
- **Ink Cartridges:** Please continue to save these. We will be collecting them again this year. Karen Miller to Chair. – A box will be put out at the front of the school for collection.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ASK FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO HELP OUT WITH THESE
EASY WAYS TO EARN PRODUCTS FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

Old/New Business:

- **Pancake Breakfast** - November 2nd. We will need volunteers to help out. A sign up sheet will be circulated at next PTA meeting for responsibilities and shifts of assistance. Can also contact Lisa Askew to sign up to help out.
- **School pictures:** September 24th. Michele Heroth will coordinate volunteers to assist the students.
- **Fall Festival:** October 24th. Children can show up in costume. There will be lots of games and goodies.
 - Co-Chairs Kelly Woodard and Michelle Heroth to coordinate. They will be contacting volunteers.
- **Halloween Parade:** Changing date to be on Friday, October 31st and not October 24th.
- **Carnival Games** – Opportunity to secure some great new games. PTA to contact Michelle Heroth if we are interested in purchasing the items.
- **Books for Birthdays** – Mrs. Sotero used to purchase books to celebrate the teachers' birthdays. Discussion lead us to decide that the money should be put to use for the students.

Pleasant Avenue Open House: Christine Mraz was calling to see if we needed assistance.

Karen Miller, Jill Richardson and Elena Willett will volunteer to help with Pleasant Avenue Open House.

Jansen Avenue Open House: September 18th: Volunteers to man our own PTA table: Lisa Brown and Karen Miller. Angie Clizbe to visit the classrooms and assist the teachers with enrollment as they are busy with Open house and unable to get to the sign up table.

PARP: Beckie Polidore and Pam Baran to Chair event. Themes TBD.

Holiday Shopping for Families:

Michelle Heroth and Monica Poitras – will purchase items for school-designated families.

*****Interested in sponsoring a family for the holidays? You can supply a family in need with a great gift by contacting the school principal or nurse and they will provide you with the ages, sizes, and gender information from our Jansen Avenue Family that could use your support this holiday season.***

Quia – Tammy Johnson, Jim Westman, Stephanie Bordis and Sue Ackerbauer are interested in using the website this school year. Motion to order for the interested teachers: Karen Miller and Monica Poitras. Mrs. Lester to find the ordering information and forward to Angie Clizbe.

Star Search: Scheduled for May 21st – conflicts with All City Chorus. Mary Eagan and Lisa Brown worked on event. CHANGING EVENT DATE TO MAY 28TH. Details to be distributed later.

New Swings on Playground: Elena to contact Building and Grounds again to have them installed.

Principal's Report:

- Science Fair/Silent Auction: Steve Pratt will Chair this year. February 5, 2009.
- School Report card: Results are listed out on Website.
- Ordered tests for State testing. Dates are posted on District Calendar.
- Float for Johnstown's 250th Celebration. Glebe/Pleasant/Jansen: Mr. Crankshaw is coordinating for these 3 schools. Warren Street is working on a float.

- Holiday Parade: Suggestion was made to coordinate efforts and do one float to incorporate all 4 elementary schools together instead of one for each school. Vote is going to the Shared Decision Making Group. Mr. Heroth is still volunteering his truck and trailer for the event.
- Homework Club – Mrs. Lester is interested in continuing. Will need volunteers. Suggestion would be to see if High School students would be able to help out. Elena to contact Claudia Jurika. Want to emphasize it's not a "child care" facility. Students must have homework to participate or parents will be called to come pick up children immediately.
- Keep Good news postcard: Feedback resulted in a vote to continue the practice.
- 21st Century – will be starting soon. Jen Hickok said Mr. Sammons would be coming in to do the presentation to the students.
- Mrs. Kollar - Fieldtrip: Both Fourth grades and Fifth grade classes will be walking to attend a presentation on Elizabeth Cady Stanton on Friday, 9-12-08.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library

We had a wonderful turnout of parents and teachers tonight. Thank you for taking the time to attend the meeting. This is an investment in our students and school and your contributions are greatly appreciated! Hope to see you next month.