

Pleasant Avenue PTA Minutes
October 19 , 2010

Executive Committee Attendees – Elena Willett Monica Poitras Pamela Donohue Lisa VanAernam

Other Participants – Patricia Lago, Christine LaMori, Jeff Vivenzio, Deb Ammann, Helen Reed Karlene Peck, Michele Lake, Tammy Johnson, Karen Tyler, Nadeen Rizzo, Seth Hayes, Christina Hayes

Meeting called to order by Elena Willett (President) Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome.

Secretary Report – Motion to accept – Nadeen Rizzo – 2nd Lisa Van Aernam

Treasurer Report – Motion to accept – Mrs. Tyler – 2nd Christine LaMori

Corresponding Secretary – Thank you received from Warren Street PTA for our help during their Open House.

Central Council – (Lisa Van Aernam) Meeting scheduled for Oct 26th, no covered dish and no December Meeting. Founders Day is scheduled for March this year.

Dr Solby is planning a talk on Student Athlete Injuries for Winter Sports, possible date is Nov 17th.

Box Tops – Nadeen Rizzo – Asking that teachers please hold onto box tops until after Winter Break. An additional check will be distributed for spring.

Open House/Membership – Hoping to have 100% staff participation, not quite at 100%. Shared Staff members are listed as having a home base school and can sign up with that particular school.

- Open House – much too crowded, suggested to have staggered times by grade next year. Also suggested that we make use of entire Library rather than only half. Staggered times should also help with crowds in Library for the Book Fair. Mr. V. would like to see surveys separate from the Open House brochure. Will discuss further ideas for next year.

EVENTS - Fall Fundraiser – Lisa Van Aernam – Great Turnout. \$13,631.50 in orders total. Some items are worth 40% profit while others are 50%. Much better turnout from the last couple of years.

Picture Day – October 26th. Have volunteers and Schedules have been sent to teachers.

Fall Festival – Will possibly be spread out to two rooms this year. Still in need of a couple more volunteers and volunteers for baking. Note: Baking is allowed for after school events as long as approved by Mr. V.

BINGO – Nov. 10th – Chris LaMori (Chairperson) Every child will receive a “goodie bag” just for attending. Karen Miller will confirm Scott Millers availability to call numbers. All Supplies are in hand and ready to go. Flyers will be sent home with kids prior to event.

Holiday Parade – Mrs. Ammann (on behalf of Mrs. Meashaw) – This years theme for entire parade will be “Christmas Carols”, theme for Pleasant Ave. float will be “All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.” Mr. V. will be dressed as tooth fairy while children will walk with pillows and wear pajamas. Still in need of flat bed, truck and someone to drive it. Flyers will be sent home next week.

Santa’s Workshop – Need to start shopping and make up flyers. Some items left over from last year in PTA closet.

Holiday Baskets – Last year Pleasant Ave sponsored 8 families. Hoping to do the same this year.

Yearbook – Mrs. Wagner – M&M Printing can do yearbooks again this year. They will take pictures ½ way through the year and start working on it. All pictures are due by end of May, but a concession will be made for the track meet photos.

Reminders: Novembers PTA meeting – there is a conflict with Parent Teacher Conferences and the meeting will be changed to Monday Nov. 15th.

-Three boxes of pencils were donated by Wal-Mart and are available to Staff members. Mr. V. Will determine a central supply area.

-Chairs for any events in need of prizes or supplies, please check with PTA before ordering. There are plenty of supplies in PTA closets.

MISC - Parents have requested a homework section on the website, will look further into this and discuss at next meeting. Mrs. Johnson would also like to know if there is a possibility for Teachers to have their own websites. She will speak to staff members and get more input.

SDM (Shared Decision Making) – Mr. Vivenzio – Nature Trail update, finish work has been postponed due to weather, will continue once weather clears up. The group has discussed a Volunteer after school homework center. Will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15, 2 or more adults will volunteer to work with the kids. Karlene Peck, Emily Cox and Deb Ammann have already volunteered to work. Two students per classroom will be chosen from grades 3-6. We will start small and depending on participation will expand. Parameters will be discussed further. Transportation will NOT be provided. Looking at Nov 1st as a tentative start date. It will be a homework club, not a tutoring session.

Action Items:

ALL – Please review sign up sheets for volunteers and see where you can help out.

Dates to remember:

Fall Festival 10-22-10

School Pictures 10-26-10

Fall BINGO 11-10-10

Holiday Parade 11-19-10

Santa's Workshop 12-14 and 12-15-10

Snowflake Dance 01-21-11

PARP 01-25-11

Carnival Nite 03-18-11

Science Fair 03-29-11

Next Meeting Nov 15 @ 6:30 Pleasant Ave Library