

Pleasant Avenue PTA Minutes
Sept. 14, 2010

Executive Committee Attendees – Monica Poitras Karen Miller Pamela Donohue

Other Participants – Patricia Lago, Christine LaMori, Deb Ammann, Kristina Mraz, Jen Spohnoble, Heidi Norris, Jeff Vivencio, Rachel Truckenmiller, Brenda Milby, Kathi Lewis, Matt Lewis, Helen Reed, Karlene Peck, Vanessa Sheppard, Deb Sepanara, Seth Hayes, Christina Hayes

Meeting called to order by Monica Poitras (Treasurer) Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions of new PTA Officers.

Secretary Report – N/A

Treasurer Report – N/A

Central Council - N/A

Events – Event calendar sent home with kids, need volunteers and chairs for several events.

McDonalds Night - tentative date April 13.

Wellness Day - event will be chaired again by Mrs. Truckenmiller and Mrs. Meashaw.

Open House and Book Fair – scheduled for Sept. 22. Sign up sheets for Room Parents will be in classrooms on this night. Ms Edel would like some volunteers to sign up to help work the book fair in ½ hour intervals.

Chair needs for the next 4 months are as follows:

Fall Festival Oct 22

School Pictures Oct 26 – Done

BINGO night Nov 10

Holiday Parade

Santa's workshop – several items left over from last year's sale.

Fall Fundraiser – Kickoff begins Sept 21st, catalogs will be sent home with students. Orders need to be returned by October 5th

Box Tops/Tools for Schools/Ink Cartridges –

Box tops - will be collected again, please try to have students bring them in sets of 50.

Tools for Schools – program run with Price Chopper with your Advantage Card. Be sure that Pleasant Avenue is the recipient of your points. You can go to the Price Chopper website to sign up. A sign up sheet was sent home with PTA packet and sign ups will also be held at Open House.

Ink Cartridges can be left in the box by the front entrance of the school.

Popcorn Sales – New rules this year for popcorn sales: Money needs to be counted by the teacher/volunteer for that sale and given to Carm or Mr. Vivencio to put in the safe. The Treasurer will deposit the money into the PTA bank account and will track how much is available for each of the teachers. Funds will be distributed upon request or with receipts. Forms are in the "Puppy" folder in the PTA mailbox.

Once again, teachers are responsible for signing up for a date of choice and finding parents to work the day of the sale.

School Banking – Pam Donohue – Need volunteers for banking. Banking day is Tuesday and begins at 8:30am; volunteers should arrive at 8:15 for set up. First day of banking will be Oct 5th. \$50 Savings bond will be given out again this year by the PTA for the most deposits (highest frequency of deposits, not total dollar amount). Volunteers can contact Mrs. Donohue for training.

AR (Accelerated Reader) – Kristina Mraz – Kickoff will be on Sept 21, new rewards and new point system has been set up for this year; this should give the younger students a chance to earn enough points for higher level rewards. Theme this year is “Reaching for the Stars.” A bulletin board has been placed in the cafeteria on stage wall to track student’s progress throughout the program.

Principals Report – Mr. Vivenzio – Welcome and Thank you extended to the PTA, Parents and Staff for all their efforts last year.

SDM (Shared Decision Making) – Mr. Vivenzio – Last years project was the Nature Trail, current status; City chipped wood, removed the foot bridges and the District will be building new bridges as well as providing stone. District will help to maintain once the project is complete. Our Goal is to have more work done in early Oct so the trail can be used a little in the fall.

- New protocol for SDM in effect. Committee should include: Principal, 3 teachers selected by JTA, 3 parents selected by PTA and 1 support staff. Mr. Vivenzio would like to make a recommendation to maintain individuals from previous year. Monica makes motion to approve existing team from previous year, Karen Miller and Kristina Mraz second the motion.

Preserving Pioneer Breakfast – sponsored by the PTA, Chair Person Chris LaMori. Got off to a late start last year, but will continue same theme this year.

Action Items:

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

Dates to remember:

Fall Fundraiser 9-21-10

Open House/Book Fair 9-22-10

Fall Festival 10-22-10

School Pictures 10-26-10

Fall BINGO 11-10-10

Holiday Parade 11-19-10

Santas 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 Oct 19 @ 6:30 Pleasant Ave Library