

## Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:00pm

**Attendees:** Pamela Donohue, Nadeen Rizzo, Elizabeth Hale, Eva Akers, Helen Reed, Jennifer Sponnoble, Karen Miller, Deb Ammann, Elena Willett, Chris Lamori, Heidi Norris, Monica Poitras, Rachel Truckenmiller

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Secretary's Report:** Fee for setup of 501c3 needs to be changed to \$750. Motion to approve as amended by Karen Miller, seconded by Elena Willett.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve as written by Helen Reed, seconded by Nadeen Rizzo.

**Math Olympiad:** Monica Poitras made a motion to reimburse Mr. Vivenzio for the cost of the Math Olympiad program (cost \$99), seconded by Helen Reed and all were in favor. SDM popcorn money from last year \$78.50 (This had been in the budget to be used for the nature trail, but those costs were paid for by another source. These funds were approved to be reallocated.) and \$22.50 from this year's SDM popcorn sales will be used.

**Kindergarten Request:** Money was requested from kindergartner teachers for donuts and milk for kindergartners and 6<sup>th</sup> grade buddies (for snack after mailing letters to Santa). It was felt that request should have been made at beginning of year and there are several other options for refreshments. Members voted and request was denied.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Thank you cards were received from Jen Sponnoble for school board appreciation gifts and Glebe Street PTA for helping with their open house.

**Central Council:** See open discussion notes below.

**Box Tops:** Nadeen Rizzo reported that there will be a monthly competition with incentives to increase participation. Sheets will be going home with the students before break. Students will tape the box tops to the sheet and when it is full, they turn them in.

**Membership Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Bingo Night:** Chris Lamori reported a good turnout and the event went well. Mr. VanDenburgh was the caller. Recommendation was made to use a white board to record the numbers on stage, the chalkboard was hard to see.

**Holiday Parade:** Beautiful float, the Mr. and Mrs. Hayes did a wonderful job.

**Holiday Movie Night:** Cocoa, juice and popcorn will be served. "A Very Muppet Christmas" will be shown. Students will sit on the floor, mats will be brought out.

**SDM:** Nature Trail is up and running and being used. A reading incentive program will be run this spring. A grandparent has offered to take students to the movies as a reward. SDM is looking into possible ways of implementing the program.

**Open Discussion:**

Mrs. Wagner sent in a note stating that there will be a slight increase in the cost of yearbooks. Books will be somewhere from \$8-10 and the layout will be from \$200-400. The amount budgeted should be okay. Monica Poitras suggested a photography club for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders as a way to get more photos for the yearbook.

Johnstown Public Library is having its annual Storybook Sundae fundraiser on March 18. Pleasant Ave. will donate a basket and the theme will be Angry Birds.

Central Council: An email from a state PTA representative with responses to various questions put forth by the Central Council was read by Karen Miller. Backpack programs cannot be funded according to the national PTA. Can make donations to post-prom, but only if the money goes towards something specific, such as a DJ. Field trips should be able to be funded as long as they are educational, but only admission costs, no transportation costs. Short answer for most questions is that the final vote is ours as long as we abide by PTA rules.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm. Next meeting is Monday January 9, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Pleasant Avenue Library.

**Executive Session:** Motion was made by Elena Willett and seconded by Karen Miller with everyone in favor to accept a donation from the Johnstown Moose for PTA activities.