

Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Deb Ammann, Vanessa Sheppard, Jen Sponnoble, Chris Lamori, Jeff Vivenzio, Elena Willett, Lisa VanAernam, Monica Poitras, Rachel Truckenmiller, Karlene Peck, Pam Donohue, Christine Hayes

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve as written by Monica Poitras, seconded by Mr. Vivenzio.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as written by Lisa VanAernam, seconded by Chris Lamori.

Backpack Program/Mrs. Sheppard: Mrs. Sheppard will no longer be running the backpack program. There is \$1000 left from what was a donation from Wal-Mart. Right now the money is in a school district bank account and Mrs. Sheppard would like the money to be split between the three elementary schools. Because money would not benefit every child at Pleasant Avenue, the PTA cannot accept it. Money could be put into the three elementary school building budgets. Instead of handing out backpacks at the beginning of the year, Mrs. Sheppard suggested that supplies for the backpacks could be stored at each school and distributed as needed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: A thank you card was received from a family thanking the PTA for its good work.

Box Tops: Received a check for \$413.40. A box will be set out in the office to collect the sheets. The sheets make it much easier for teachers to collect the box tops.

Deb Ammann reminded everyone to use www.goodsearch.com. Our account has earned over \$40.

Central Council Update: Next meeting is January 24. Founder's Day award will be given out in March; nominations for the award need to be in by the end of January/beginning of February. Angry Birds will be the theme for the Founder's Day basket. A chair is still needed for the 6th grade dance, it can be done as a committee. Knox is looking for someone to fill the president-elect position and to fill positions for next year.

Holiday Movie Night: Over 90 kids attended. A big need for more helpers, more staff needed to be there to help keep the kids calm. There were many cocoa spills, so next year there needs to be limited snacks or a limited time for snacks. Kids had a good time.

PA Dance Party: Will be held on January 13 from 6:00-8:00pm. Pam Donohue is organizing with help from Bob Kramer and Mr. Vivenzio. There will be four Wiis in the gym (smaller kids will be split from bigger kids) and sing-it will be in the cafeteria. The discs will be checked for inappropriate songs. Snacks will be water and fruit.

PARP Kickoff: Kickoff will be on January 25 and this year's theme is snowman. The kickoff will be held during library time. Students have to read with parents 15 out of the 21 days in order to get the big

prize which is playing outside in the snow. The winning class will receive a snowman building kit. Volunteers are need for Friday, February 17 from about 1:00-3:00pm.

Family Night Minute to Win It: Karlene Peck and Deb Ammann will chair. It will be held on Thursday, February 16.

SDM: No meeting on January 9, next meeting is February 6.

Principal's Report: Homework club is going well. There are 12 volunteers and over 20 students. It is getting too crowded for the current classroom. Heather Ward is trying to recruit more volunteers for Homework Club. Successmaker is running in before and after school. Many students are taking advantage of this opportunity. Chess club will be starting on January 24 before school.

Open Discussion:

Pancake breakfast is Sunday, March 4 from 8:00am-noon. Tickets will be available two weeks before and flyers will go out at the same time. People are needed to help cook and clear tables. A sign-up sheet will sent around at the February meeting.

6th grade skiing trip will be happening, date is probably sometime in February.

Kids on snow is in jeopardy of being cancelled. More kids need to sign up, so sign up has been extended.

Jen Sponnoble talked about initial school board budgeting activities. School board meeting will be held at Pleasant Avenue on Thursday, January 19. Motion was made by Elena Willett and seconded by Chris Lamori to purchase snacks for board meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Lisa VanAernam, seconded by Karlene Peck at 7:18pm.