

PSO Meeting
December 9, 2013
Mary Woodward, Library, 6:30 p.m.

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Judy Swiger, Cheryl Payne, Jill Weinstein

Karen welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order.

November 18, 2013 Minutes reviewed and approved with one change in the first grade assistance paragraph.

Volunteer Coordinator: No Report (absent)

Treasurer Report: We received more Jog-a-thon money from a corporate match and more will be coming in.

Holiday Bazaar revenues came in, raising \$1380. The vendor fee was raised by \$5 per vendor and costs were reduced \$600 by not renting the tables. Margie was wondering about making it a money maker. Cheryl said by doing that since we are a non-profit organization it would require us to file another tax form, but it could be done.

Aquarium budget can be increased because some of our fish died when the tank got too dirty when some of our algae eaters died. Mr. Nihill brought someone in to clean it up and get it back under control.

Old Business:

Student Directory: It is an important tool for contacting people and we would like to continue to have one. We are going to try to find an easier way to make it work and it may be in a different format. We may have a form in the back to school folder for parents to write exactly what information they want in the directory. We are still planning to get one out this year.

Playground Equipment: No Report

New Business:

Display Panels for Art Lit: Art in the Burbs money is going to go to Ballroom dance for 4th and 5th graders. If PSO buys these they would be able to be used "carefully" by all of PSO. They are going to look at purchasing sturdier, not so tall boards. Motion to use reserve fund to purchase necessary display panels for art lit and general PSO use. Motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

First Grade Teacher Assistance: Mr. Nihill will be meeting with the first grade teachers on this.

Art Literacy: Our Ansel Adams projects are on display at the district office.

Scrip: Next Monday has been added as a last opportunity before the holidays to put in another order and it will be ready and can be picked up on December 20th.

Family Events: Movie night was successful, 40 families attended and the popcorn was donated by Regal again. There was also soda and candy for sale. The next event is on March 7th; it is the Father/Daughter dance to be renamed before information goes out.

Specialty Fundraising: We are still waiting to hear if we won the candy buy back and Piccolo Mondo. January 10th is the next event at Rocket Fizz, owned by a current Mary Woodward family and an alumni family.

Box Tops/Labels: First contest winners are from the classes of Barendse, Bell, and Rice; they will have an ice cream party. So far this year, the total numbers are: 7,330 box tops and 5,697 labels.

Holiday Bazaar: Margie did an AMAZING job on this event! There were 48 product, 3 food and 18 student vendors took part in the 18th Annual Holiday Bazaar and there were approximately 700 visitors. A professional photographer took Santa and Elf Yourself photos. The ambassadors collected a large box of toys for NW Children's Outreach. Karen said they had collected 70 toys with quite a bit of time left. The vendors were given feedback forms and they loved the new way it is set up. She is thinking about possibly having a food vendor who will sell lunch items. The money saved on table rentals went to purchasing more signs, taking out an advertisement in the community newspapers, the photographer, and incidentals.

Science Fair: It will be on Thursday, December 12th, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. There are 171 participants. Ambassadors will help with writing reviews. OMSI will be attending with exhibits and demonstrations. Participants will receive ribbons and a "buck" for the student store.

Staff Appreciation: Annual Staff Cookie Exchange is Dec. 18th. We need a lot more bakers. People who would like to bake some cookies for the teachers should let Michelle know by emailing her at mwstaffappreciation@gmail.com or you can use the link that came out in an earlier email.

Enrichment: Fall classes are wrapping up. The final draft for the winter schedule will come out on Friday. Classed will start on January 13th. Tears of Joy will do an assembly Jan 23rd and they will be performing 20,000 Legues Under the Sea.

Yearbook: Staff members judged the cover contest and there were a lot of great entries. Amber Guilds won the cover contest but there were so many good ones that there are others being put in the yearbook.

Auction: Donation forms are available in the office and online. They need people to help with soliciting donations by networking through Facebook. They are also in need of people willing to sponsor kid based, family based or adult only parties. They are also planning to invite alumni to attend. They are also in need of a volunteer to manage and coordinate classroom projects/baskets; each class needs to have a parent in charge by January. It will be an 80's, BACK to their future theme.

Principal's Report: There is a new date for the Common Core parent presentation, it will be on January 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Woodward. Mr. Nihill, and teachers and possibly a representative of the district will be present. There is a new Report Card Committee and the members are Heather Miller, Jen Sterns, Amy Krebs and Mr. Nihill. The committee was created to make a report card that fits better with the core standards.

President's Report: Judy has been asked to set up an account for the print shop. Karen has the user name and password for the account. If you are sending documents to the print shop, they need to be a PDF file. Mrs. Emerson, the first grade reading instructor, put up a big thank you sign for the books she was able to get with the. Mrs. Lee went out on Black Friday to stretch her dollars and Mrs. Mullins is excited to be included in the line item budget. They are all very thankful for our support.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.