

December 2010 PTO Meeting Minutes  
December 09, 2010

Call to Order - Paula Heinzmann and Andrea Ginter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Principal's Remarks - Mrs Catarius thanked Miss Pifferi and Miss Mauro for attending. Congrats to Miss Mauro who is engaged!! Thanks to Mrs Kiniry and Mrs Barbara who ran the Holiday Store - the kids loved it. We had the choral and instrumental concerts also during the past week. Grades 2-6 will be getting reading scores home - more to follow. We have our Mitten Tree up - please take a look when you can. We also got a Target Grant for Grade 3, thanks to The LaPerrieres for their help with that.

Secretary's Report - presented by Kat Zapor. Changes - none. Martina made the motion to accept, Amber seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - presented by Dave Schroeder. \$16,000 is on the books, but there are a few checks and invoices we're waiting for. Also, if you have checks from a fundraiser, please hand them in as quick as possible.

Teacher Representative - Deb Mauro and Emily Pifferi - everything is going well, kids are excited about the holidays, but still under control. Paula thanked them for coming.

Committee Reports - 3 minutes

BOE Liason - George Bashura - Nothing to report

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation - Lauren Barbara/Martina Cacioli - This month, you will see we had a lovely Turkey centerpiece, and we have something else coming up in December. Lauren delivered the poinsettias to the office and media center. Mrs. Jahne sent a beautiful thank you note for the cookies we sent her.

Community Outreach - Phoebe Ostergren/Martina Cacioli - Thanks to everyone for the donations to Social Services from the Vendor Fair.

Creative Arts - Martina Cacioli - Nothing to report

Enrichment - Michele Lavoie - had the opportunity to see Rob Surett. He was truly amazing - was at Highcrest. He paints portrait's the size of a whiteboard in about 2 minutes. Kids loved him too - were completely mesmerized. He does it to video and music. We'll see if we can get him instead of the author visit. He's very inspirational - message is that you can do anything you want. Would be a nice change from an author. MLK, Abe Lincoln, Mother Theresa, Einstein...amazingheroart.com. He might be about \$2000, about the same as an author. Lauren suggested the authors of Minorly Manners, who are based in Simsbury, but they're more girl oriented. HiTouch HiTech is pretty much scheduled - few questions to iron out. Approx \$7 per student for that.

Grants - Paul and Jackie Laperriere - we got the Target grant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. More grants are becoming available - Jackie is following up and will get those to the teachers as soon as we can.

Sixth Grade - Michele Livingston/Kat Zapor - moving along, poinsettias did very well - approximately \$600. Spaghetti Supper is coming up January 28<sup>th</sup> - more to follow. We will do a Valentine Bake Sale at the Talent Show.

Tiger Topics/Copying - Andrea Ginter - deadline by January 7, 2011. We just got approval for Decembers - should be out within the next couple of days. Paula thanked Andrea for doing TT.

WSPC - Martin Malicki - Nothing to report

Family Events -

Holiday Store - November 30- Amber Kiniry/Lauren Barbara - amazing job - it went well, both had fun doing it. There is about 600-800 items left over, because they didn't want to run out. Any suggestions as to what could be done differently, let Lauren know. We still need more gift bags for next year - if you have any left over from your holidays, please donate them. We had 60 volunteers - all of which were encouraged to volunteer for other events. Thank you for allowing the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to help - they had a blast - over 30 6<sup>th</sup> graders volunteered.

Holiday Vendors Night - December 3 - Michele Lavoie - was poorly attended, unfortunately. Most people were fairly happy anyway. We had Stripes out, flagging people down. There were many events that week - unfortunately people just weren't able to attend. It was advertised in the local newspapers, online, etc. Maybe next year, we can also list the vendors to advertise. Maybe next year we can try to have it in November again. Maybe combine Vendor Fair and Holiday Store?

Movie Night - Kelly Weinberg - Still working on it.

Bingo Night - OPEN - paperwork has been turned in.

Talent Show - Michele Quadrato/Michele Lavoie - nothing to report - had to change the date. Michele Lavoie has to back out - conflicting events. The high school is booked solid - March, April, May. It's now scheduled for Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Spotlight is

coming up.

Strawberry Fest - OPEN - We have a handful of committee members signed up. WE NEED NEW GAMES! The shop teacher at the high school may be able to help with that. Contact Charles Wright again to see if they'll give up their games! Meeting to be held in January.

Fundraisers -

Box Tops - Amber Kiniry - nothing new since last time. Haven't gotten the check yet. Maybe will do another popcorn party as a prize. Kelly suggested to put a wanted up on freecycle for them

Friends/Family Restaurant Night - Lauren Barbara/Jen Derrick - nothing new to report

Miscellaneous Fundraisers (Target) - Kelly Weinberg - we now have 27 redcard holders. Looking at around \$70 for the next check.

Spring Book Fair - OPEN - no takers.

New Business/Open Forum

Martin - can we designate the \$4000 earmarked for the art tables for the general fund? Martina made the motion to accept, Michele's both seconded. Motion passed.

Michele Lavoie has several bags of coffee for sale - \$9 a lb. Michele will be passing out forms tomorrow. This is for a general fundraiser. Michele will ask Nick if he does K cups.

Andrea said - if you happen to get a CD for fall pictures, check it...it may have another student on it by accident.

Closing Remarks - made by Paula Heinzmann and Andrea Ginter at 7:58 pm, and thanked everyone for attending.