

Ralph R Smith PTA Meeting

December 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Molloy at 7:12 pm.

Quorum was established with the following 15 members present: Marge Gibson-O'Mara, Susan Spinelli, Margaret Qatani, Rob Babcock, Kelley Marshall, Debi Knauss, Heidi Colaizzo, Marie Diaz, Carlene Kara, Tom Molloy, Meg Burkhardt, Christine Molloy, Marybeth Giesler, Kyle Tarkos, and Becky Tarkos.

- **Secretary's report** – The minutes were presented from the November 13, 2007 meeting. Rob Babcock moves to accept the minutes as read. Second by Kyle Tarkos. All in favor.
- **President's report** – Christine Molloy reports that the safety committee met and the PTA will be going to staples to get badge holders for volunteers to have when helping out at the school. Susan Spinelli will first ask the district if they can make badges up for the PTA.
- **Treasure's report** – Marybeth Giesler reports that the cake walk brought in \$305.00, the fall pictures brought in \$791.00, that family photo night brought in \$86.00, the haunted house spent \$151.00 and there was \$142.00 in supplies spent in the month.
- **Principal's report** – Susan Spinelli reports that the vote will be tomorrow the 13th. It is for the 2A and 2B portion of the bond. After the holiday break on the 8th, 9th and 10th of January will be the ELA testing for the 3rd and 4th grades. Margaret Qatani informed us that there would be a parent information night next Wednesday at 7:00 about the testing. Susan says that the prep for the next school year budget is underway. Ralph R Smith musical concert will be on the 20th at FDR. There will be an assembly held that day at school. She said that she is impressed with all that the PTA does.
- **PTA Teacher Representative** – Margaret Qatani reports that in her years as a teacher it was amazing to watch the tea party. The girls were so excited and it was great to see. The following school day the teachers said that all the girls were talking about the tea party. The science fair is scheduled for February 26th and everything will be done the same as last year. Eighth graders will come over to judge. We had ribbons left over from last year so we will use them again and change the color for ranking. We also need to order display boards.
- **BLT** – Susan Spinelli reports that the math activity night will be postponed to possibly next year. There is more planning that needs to be done. We also reviewed the ELA presentation and the summer reading program.

Chair Reports

Book fair – Meg Burkhardt reports that the book fair was good in the gym. There was an \$1137.83 profit. About \$117 less profit because she would let the tax slide when kids came up short. There were books left from a book swap so she brought them out so kids were able to get at least one book. There will be scrip cards (store gift cards) that can be purchased and a note will go home in January about them

Membership – Marybeth Giesler reports that membership is up to 138 members. No one received the free pizza party or ice cream cups since no one met the qualifications for it.

Holiday Shoppe – Marge Gibson-O’Mara reports that the holiday shop is working well in the cafeteria. There may be a possibility of having it on Monday due to a possible snowstorm that is coming.

Ultimate Discount Cards – Carlene Kara reports that 77 cards were sold and the time will be extended until Monday. The cards will be here the day after the cards are ordered and she will be ordering extra in case anyone wants some at the last minute.

Arts in Education – Gillian Rush reports that the 3rd grade students will be going to see Flat Stanley. We can use the money from the Arts in Education fund instead of paying for it. She will be looking for a science assembly program to kick off the Science fair.

Barnes and Noble – Gillian Rush reports that this doesn’t seem to be a very good fundraiser for the playground. So we will no longer be doing this fundraiser that was scheduled for February.

Yearbook –Marge Gibson-O’Mara reports that there was 7 drawings handed in for the yearbook cover election. The election will be held sometime in January. We also need pictures submitted for field day and pajama night.

Reflections –Debi Knauss reports that out of 20 requests only 6 projects were handed in. Everyone will be moving on to the district level. Everyone that handed in a project received a certificate for a dollar at the holiday shop.

Old Business

American Girl Tea –Becky Tarkos reports that everyone loved the tea party. Possibly looking into a bigger school for next year (like Haviland gym). Also having 2 sessions since we had to tell people that it was sold out as well as a custodian so they could help with clean up. Wayne Fallon volunteered to come in and help us clean up. It was suggested to have co-chairs next year to do different sections of the party. Kyle Tarkos motions to have \$100 to purchase supplies and decorations for next year. Second by Marybeth Giesler. All in favor.

New Business

Playground Proposal – Kelley Marshall reports that she spoke to Miracle about the proposal and was sent these quotes: \$54,262.00 for large piece with delivery and instillation, \$15,904.00 for the fitness cluster with delivery and instillation and \$5,685 for the handicap swings with delivery and instillation. This is a main idea we can always add and subtract items as the time comes. She will look into Miracle putting a proposal together with an estimate with padding. We will have a three-year time line for completion. Second by Kyle Tarkos. All in favor. Heidi Colaizzo motions to put one container per classroom to collect change for the playground. Second by Meg Burkhardt. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Recorded by Marge Gibson-O’Mara