

Ralph R Smith PTA Meeting

January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Molloy at 7:08 pm.

Quorum was established with the following 10 members present: Marge Gibson-O'Mara, Susan Spinelli, Margaret Qatani, Rob Babcock, Tom Gannon, Debi Knauss, Heidi Colaizzo, Christine Molloy, Marybeth Giesler, Gillian Rush.

- **Secretary's report** – The minutes were presented from the December 12, 2007 meeting. Marybeth Giesler moves to accept the minutes as read. Second by Tom Gannon. All in favor. Marge Gibson-O'Mara motions to send an edible fruit basket to Joyce Updike as a get well gesture. Second by Marybeth Giesler. All in favor.
- **President's report** – Christine Molloy reports that the school board meeting will be here at the school on January 10th. Kelley Marshall and Debi Knauss offer to make a baked good. Christine Molloy will be getting cookies. The food service will supply beverages and dinner. The PTA will leave RRS water bottles for all board members. The district will not supply us with visitor passes, they could look to much like the staff passes. Marybeth Giesler purchased badge holders and made passes up for the PTA.
- **Treasure's report** – Marybeth Giesler reports that there is no report. The balance in the credit union is \$21,675 and the Rhinebeck Savings account balance is \$10,799.27, which there is a difference from last month that she will look into. Marybeth motions to open a CD with 50% of the balance to go into the CD. Second by Debi Knauss. All in favor.
- **Principal's report** – Susan Spinelli thanks all for supporting the bond. The ELA testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades started today. The fifth graders will be testing tomorrow. The fifth grade Social Studies test results came back today. There are 4 levels, 4 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The students have moved up in the 3 level compared to last years testing scores. The BOE meeting is Thursday night. It was asked if the PTA would donate jump ropes, balls and etc. for the playground. Christine Molloy said that the credit from the Campbell's soup labels can be used to get balls and etc. She needs to check over the budget to see if we can purchase any of the items. There is also a NYS testing program pamphlet available. Gillian Rush asked when Katy will be returning to work. Susan said it will be sometime in early February.
- **PTA Teacher Representative** – Margaret Qatani reports that the science fair will be on February 26th and that we need to order boards. The packets will be sent home on Friday. Depending on the amount of entries the gym will be used first and then the cafeteria. The 8th grade students will be coming again to judge the projects with their teacher. Margaret would like the PTA to provide a pizza lunch for the students. Tom Gannon motions to purchase 7 pies with an allowance of \$75 to spend on the pies and drinks. Second by Kelley Marshall. All in favor. The teachers are also looking for grant forms.
- **PTA Council** – Tom Gannon reports that George Treadwell was the speaker for the night. There are video cameras on the buses that are working both video and audio. The bus drivers must go threw annual physical testing, drug testing, road test and other mandatory testing. Bill Frandino, director of math and science, went over the everyday math and elementary science. He also discussed Haviland and Roosevelt programs. District science fair will be broken up into age groups this year.

Chair Reports

Ultimate Discount Cards – Christine Molloy reports that the bill was for 180 cards. We made about \$900.

Arts in Education – Gillian Rush reported that Marvelous Marvin gave a \$1100 quote for 2 science shows. She will try to negotiate a lower price.

Yearbook – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that Becky Tarkos asked about 2 extra color pages for the yearbook. It was able to be done.

Playground – Tom Gannon reports that Kelley Marshall will be doing a presentation Thursday night at the BOE meeting. Heidi Colaizzo and Margaret Qatani will help with the cans. There are different catalogs coming in from different companies.

Old Business

Holiday Shoppe – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that the kids seemed to love the holiday shop. Even though we had to close it for a day due to the snow storm everything went very smoothly thanks to everyone that helped. The holiday shop brought in about \$100. We normally don't make a profit with the holiday shop but to cover when kids are short change we raised the middle prices a quarter.

Reflections – Debi Knauss reports that Reflections is done for the year. The projects were handed into North Park School on the 3rd. There will be a reception at Central Hudson on February 20th. Seven children participated. The PTA council will be sending out invitations for the reception.

New Business

Spring Pictures/5th Grade pictures – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that the spring pictures and 5th grade gift pictures will be done on the same day. It is scheduled for April 9th. It is unsure if it will be outdoors.

Family Fun Night – Christine Molloy reports for MaryEll Izzo that People have said that they would like Matt Wood to come back and DJ. A date of February 22nd has been set with a back up date of March 7th set if Matt can't do the February 22nd date.

Spring Fundraiser – The spring Fundraiser will be Gertrude Hawk and Kelley Marshall will be chairperson.

PARP – Christine Molloy reports that we are looking for a chairperson for PARP and it will be held the end of March.

Staff Appreciation Week - Christine Molloy reports that we are looking for a chairperson for staff appreciation week. Heidi Colaizzo, Debi Knauss, Tom Gannon and Rob Babcock volunteer to help the chairperson.

Nominating Committee – Rob Babcock and Tom Gannon volunteer to be on the nomination committee. Vote is to be held in May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Recorded by Marge Gibson-O'Mara