

Ralph R Smith PTA Meeting

May 13, 2008

Wayne Kurlander was guest speaker. He spoke about the district budget.

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Molloy at 7:36 pm.

Meeting was established with the following 16 members present: Marge Gibson-O'Mara, Kris Palmer, Margaret Qatani, Gillian Rush, Heidi Colaizzo, Debi Knauss, Thomas Molloy, Christine Molloy, Meg Burkhardt, Marybeth Giesler, Katy McEnroe, Kelley Marshall, Carlene Kara, Kyle Tarkos, Becky Tarkos and Kim Brady.

- **Secretary's report** – The minutes were presented from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Katy McEnroe moves to accept the minutes as read. Second by Kyle Tarkos. All in favor
- **President's report** – Christine Molloy reports that there were many thank you notes for the staff appreciation week. A sign up sheet is being passed around to sign up to bring a dish for the June meeting and another sheet to sign up for chair positions for next year.
- **Treasure's report** – Marybeth Giesler reports that there is \$15,703 in the playground account and \$23,057.24 in the general account. She discussed next years budget and the proposed income for next year is \$13,800. Marge Gibson-O'Mara moves to accept the budget. Second by Katy McEnroe. All in favor.
- **Principal's report** – Katy McEnroe reports that the spirit committee has arranged to have the school do the pledge out by the flag pole at the end of the day on the Friday before Memorial Day. There will be a breakfast held by Carole Pickering tomorrow in the cafeteria for the bus drivers for bus driver appreciation week. Kindergarten orientation will be held in June, not sure what day yet. All kindergarten students will receive a school t-shirt to wear on the first day of school. Each kindergarten class will have a different color.
- **PTA Council** – Gillian Rush reports that there was a budget presentation. Bridget Becker the director of special education also spoke. The goal is to bring the district together so regular education and special education is seamless. There was also a brief overview of the system. Co teaching is in the works.
- **PTA Teacher Representative** – Margaret Qatani reports that staff appreciation was very nice and everything was wonderful. There is a blood drive tomorrow from 2:30 – 8:00. The third graders learned about the blood drive as a connection with health class and community services. There will be a craft table at the blood drive for the kids to make crafts for children who are sick. The garden club is a nice addition. Different groups of kids go out and help on different letter days.

Chair Reports

Arts in Education – Gillian Rush reports conclusion of all programs. Third grade went to Flat Stanley yesterday. Showcase is on the 21st.

Yearbook - Becky Tarkos reports that the yearbooks were delivered 1 ½ weeks ago. They look great. The publishing company went with the first proof not the corrected proof. We will be getting \$2 back for each book, 208 books were ordered. Memory Makers is getting us 2 baby picture stickers to fix a swap and stickers to correct a wrong page number.

5th Grade Activities – Marybeth Giesler reports that the swim and Tennis club will hold the end of year party. The Clearwater field trip will be on May 28th and 29th. June 25th is graduation.

Playground – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports for Cindy Gannon that Tom met with Katy and they discussed some options for what kind of playground equipment to purchase. We will wait to see if the budget passes to see what equipment we can get. Cindy has completed the application for a grant through the Hudson Valley Renegades and Pete Colaizzo handed it in so we should hear something back in July. Also the manager at Wal-Mart is putting paperwork in for a grant. Kelley Marshall reports that the Applebee's pancake breakfast will be on June 14th. We need about 40 volunteers to greet, serve and bus tables. It will be held from 8:00 – 10:00 in the morning. Looking to have different classrooms to make up different baskets to have raffled off that day. People can buy tickets at the door and we will hold prepaid tickets at the door. Heidi Colaizzo reports that they took in over 9000 cans in the can drive which was \$457.90. 82 shirts were ordered plus there is more that needs to be ordered. So far to total is \$1510.00. The front was designed by the art club. Heidi motions to have \$100 to make posters for the parade. Second by Kelley Marshall. All in favor.

Old Business

Spring Pictures – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that \$120.00 was received from the pictures. It was brought up to have an option to buy a single sheet not with a package next year and receiving more for the spring pictures.

Staff Appreciation – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that Staff Appreciation week went very well. There were a lot of volunteers that helped make it work.

PARP – Debi Knauss reports that PARP is over and there was a cake party on Friday with over 100 students. Katy dressed in a Sponge Bob costume that was donated by the Inside Scoop.

New Business

New Student Orientation – Thinking of having a welcome back BBQ for the whole school. From 5:00-6:00 have the new students come and then after that have the rest of the school. Possibly in the last week of August.

Field Day T-shirts – Received the invoice for the shirts, gave Mr. Moughan a check for \$700 deposit. Kelley Marshall motions to give Mr. Moughan an additional \$200.00 for the shirts. Second by Carlene Kara. All in favor.

Garden Club - Katy McEnroe motions that \$50 is to be used for 2 yards of mulch. Second by Margaret Qatani. All in favor. Kyle Tarkos says he can get it for \$18.00 a yard.

Nominations and Election of PTA officers – It is motioned that Heidi Colaizzo attain the secretary position, Sue Speare attain the treasurer position, Marybeth Giesler attain the president position and Marge Gibson-O'Mara attain the vice president position. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Recorded by Marge Gibson-O'Mara