

## Ralph R Smith PTA Meeting

November 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Molloy at 7:07 pm.

Quest speaker for the night was Superintendent Carol Pickering. She suggested that we request that the playground equipment be put in next years principal budget. We should have a plan with a dollar amount next to it. We need to make a proposal up by January 1<sup>st</sup> and to give it to Susan and Carol.

Quorum was established with the following 17 members present: Marybeth Giesler, Christine Molloy, Marge Gibson-O'Mara, Margaret Qatani, Carlene Kara, Debi Knauss, Kelley Marshall, Cindy Gannon, Jennette Madison, Rob Babcock, Mary Ell Izzo, Heidi Colaizzo, Kyle Tarkos, Rebecca Tarkos, Meg Burkhardt, Arisa King.

- **Principal's report** – Susan Spinelli reports that she has been here for 6 days. Everyone has been very helpful. She is a retired principal from the Marlboro school district.
- **Secretary's report** – The minutes were presented from the October 9, 2007 meeting. Rob Babcock moves to accept the minutes as read. Second by MaryEll Izzo . All in favor.
- **President's report** – Christine Molloy reports the girl scouts were complaining about the children not listening to them during babysitting. The children were running back and forth. The kids were not being disciplined by the girl scouts and that if the kids are acting badly that they should be brought to us. PTA regulations say that there should be 2 adults at a PTA function for babysitting. We are having a hard time getting adult volunteers. If we do not get volunteers we will not be able to provide babysitting. Heidi Colaizzo will check with her husband to see if the Marist students would be able to help out.
- **Treasure's report** –Marybeth Giesler reports that the playground account has a balance of \$9770.31. The Credit Union balance is \$18,918. The citrus fundraiser was \$625.92 and the fall fundraiser ended up bringing in \$3508.90.
- **PTA council** –Rob Babcock reports that they discussed the vote and discussed making a brochure for the district of all the schools information for people that are moving into the area. The book fair is at Roosevelt High School. They are still discussing a history debate night. Next month's guest speaker will be George Treadwell from the transportation department. Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.
- **PTA Teacher Representative** – Margaret Qatani reports that the staff collected \$105.00 for a doll for the American Girl doll tea party to show support for the PTA. She also said that the Halloween party was a great time.
- **BLT** – MaryEll Izzo reports that the NYS testing information night was rescheduled for tomorrow night the 14<sup>th</sup>. Katy will be here to discuss the testing. We want to make a big deal about the summer reading program this year. Having different grade level teachers looking at the calendars before they go home to make sure the content is good for that grade. Looking into a date for the math night possibly tying in with Pi or 3:14 and having it on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Chair Reports**

**Membership** – Marybeth Giesler reports that membership is up to 136 members, which is the same as last year. Letters went to members from last year to see if they will be signing up again this year. She also sent in the membership check for stat & national PTA dues.

**Holiday Shoppe** – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that the holiday shop will be December 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. At first it was discussed having it in the auditorium but Margaret Qatani and Susan Spinelli suggest having it in the cafeteria so no class time is disrupted. They will get back to Marge to see if it will be possible.

**Arts in Education** – Christine Molloy reports for Gillian Rush that there is no report.

**Playground** – Meg Burkhardt suggests getting scrip cards and having a table at the tea party and during family night at the book fair as well as the holiday shoppe. Kelley Marshall motions to purchase \$1000.00 in cards. Second by Meg Burkhardt. Meg Burkhardt motions to replenish the \$1000.00 when it runs low until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Second by Cindy Gannon. All in favor.

Heidi Colaizzo suggests approaching Ms. Sassos to see if Pete's Restaurant would donate a portion of their proceeds from one days business. There would be tickets made up so the restaurant would know what proceeds would go towards the donation. She also needs 6 large water jugs for pennies to be collected in, to go into the classrooms.

There will be a committee meeting on the Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> after school.  
The Barnes and Noble fundraiser will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**American Girl Tea** – Becky Tarkos reports that Cindy Gannon and Carlene Kara have been helping getting donations to be raffled off. There will be a table for raffle tickets on November 30<sup>th</sup> during the book fair and parent teacher/conferences. The 5 dolls will be raffled off only to the attendees of the tea party. There have been 112 tickets sold so far.

**Yearbook** – No report.

**Citrus Fundraiser** – Margaret Qatani reports that there was a \$625.00 profit.

**Book Fair** – Meg Burkhardt reports that the book fair will be held November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 4<sup>th</sup>. She discussed with Katy and Bill Moughan that the book fair will be held in the gym.

**Reflections** – Debi Knauss reports that there were about 20 requests handed in.

## **Old Business**

**Halloween Party** – Marybeth Giesler reports that there needs to be something done next year about parents dropping their kids off and then leaving. Margaret Qatani agrees. There were some kids that did not have any adult supervision with them.

## **New Business**

**Ultimate Discount Cards** – Carlene Kara reports that information will be coming home soon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Recorded by Marge Gibson-O'Mara