

Park View P.T.O.

Minutes for September 1, 2009

Board Members Present: Linda Rozich, Nancy Stangel, Janine Witko, Leah Kintner
Lori Eslick, Laura Vandembroucke, Magda Fong,

Members Present: Gary Zabilka, Sue Wings, David Pump, Barb Saks, Tari Rubenstein, Katia Aghdassi, Chris Blankenheim, Darcy Bloom-Boedefeld, Laura Frisch, Anita Janczewski, Michelle Kessem, Gosia Sarata, Beth Sterba, Kim Szlak, Donna Van Swol, Kimmy Yaras, Anna Grace Deano, Cathleen Thannert, Diana Johnston, Lynne Schauwecker, Jen Tiltges, Jing Zheng, Lynn Appleton, Jennifer Murphy-Alvarado, Bridget O'Connor, Rane Berliant, Connie Travis, Angie Benavides, Cindy Levin, Kim Moldofsky, Mindy Finnigan, Lorri Fishman, Seema Chandarana, Kerry Galson

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Rozich at 7:00 PM

Audience to Visitors: Linda Rozich-Took a short survey of how many years of membership from members of the audience.

Board Reports

President's Report: Linda Rozich

- Identification and introduction of new Board members
- Review of June 2nd minutes. Motion made by Janine Witko to approve minutes as written, and seconded by Leah Kintner.
- Aug. 12th was Packet Pick-up. It went smoothly and thank you to the 36 volunteers and 6 students who helped with the lemonade stand.

Recording Secretary's Report: Lori Eslick

- Explanation of Recording Secretary responsibilities, including the new "updated" website and bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Vandembroucke

- Explanation of Treasurer Responsibilities.
- Total cash on hand as of July 31st, 2009 was \$26,023.27. This includes \$21,427.94 in the money market account and \$4,595.33 in the checking account. There was \$4,428.86 in deposits and \$1,081.95 in disbursements.
- Budget report and summary page will be displayed at each PTO meeting

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Magda Fong

- Explanation of Corresponding Secretary responsibilities, which include distribution of Board of Education minutes, collect and organize volunteer forms, PTO Spotlight for Proclamations and send and receive cards for various occasions.
- Has collected 85 volunteer forms already

- May have extra volunteer forms on bulletin board and on the website
- Proclamation articles due September 17th
- Received many thank you cards from teachers for the luncheon, they are displayed on back table.
- Sent baby congratulation cards to Ms. Shana Finkelstein, Mr. Brian Hood, and Mr. Rob Pape
- Sent condolence cards to Mrs. Joan Johanson, Ms. Pat Koob, and Ms. Kathy Mueller

1st Vice President Report: Nancy Stangel

- Over the summer worked on PTO calendars with Sue Wings
- Responsible for organizing room parents for each teacher at each grade level
- Responsible for the Bake Sale at the Fun Fair

2nd Vice Presidents' Report: Janine Witko, Leah Kintner

- Responsible for the Fall fundraiser-Innisbrook
- Already asked teachers for help in promoting sales
- Will be talking at both Curriculum nights
- Will have "kick-off" on Sept. 10th and it will last 2 ½ weeks
- Encouraging more sales online this year
- Need 4 volunteers for each Curriculum night to work at the Innisbrook table
- Tuesday, Sept. 8th, volunteers are needed to help stuff packets

Advisory Reports

Principals' Report: Sue Wings and Dave Pump

- New Family Mentoring program started over the summer, thank you to everyone who helped mentor, it has been very well received
- New family social helped ease tension for the kids for their first day
- Thanks to all the volunteers for packet pick-up. Suggestions to come for next year..but great job.
- Thank you to Kim and Michelle for organizing the Teacher Luncheon sponsored by PTO, there were 9 retirees present
- Kids are becoming familiar with routine, Yvette Karp and Brenda Glenn have helped with routes and Dr. Zabilka has been riding P.M. kindergarten bus
- Have 16 6th grade volunteers helping 1st graders out to the buses
- Mr. Pump organized all the A.M. and bus patrols
- Curriculum Night this Thursday for 5th -8th. Fifth grade is 7-8p.m. and sixth, seventh and eighth starts at 7 and will have a 7 minute bell rotation
- Thursday, Sept 10th is Curriculum night for K-4th grades
- Homeroom teachers will pass out note cards to update email information. Proclamations will soon be moving to email. Hopefully it will drop paper copies from 550 to less than 100.

Teacher Representative Report: Ms. Saks and Ms. Rubenstein thanked the PTO for the lunch.

Chairperson Reports

Standing Committees

Family Mentoring: Donna Van Swol

- The program has been very well received
- The Social was Monday
- The committee worked all summer long, there are 60 new families and 20 mentors

Fun Fair/Silent Auction: Darcy Bloom-Boedefeld, Linda McDonagh, Gosia Sarata

- Sept. 26th is the Fun Fair. The correct time is from 11-3 p.m. as noted on the flyer
- Announced need for volunteers and reminder to fill out form to pre-order meal
- Silent Auction-need for anyone who can help get donations
- As of now, there is approximately \$800 worth of donations, haven't been as many donations, possibly due to economy
- Spiritwear will donate for auction

Market Day: Chris Blankenheim, Becky Modena

- Sales for May were \$305, June was \$235 and July was \$108. Next pick up date is September 18th

Membership: Katia Agdhassi, Kimmy Yaras

- As of now we have 253 families, which is about 46%, we have \$390 in donations
- Haven't sent letters out to teachers yet to get members

Picture Day:Chris Blankenheim

- September 30th is Picture Day for the yearbook
- Spring will be offered a different background for pictures

School Clothing: Darcy Bloom-Boedefeld, Kim Szlak

- Sales at Packet Pick-up were about \$1300.
- Will be at both Curriculum Nights as well but will need volunteers to help

Teacher Appreciation: Michelle Kessem, Kim Szlak

- The budget for the luncheon was \$800 and they spent \$473.16
- Usually they have door prizes, this year they did Spiritwear

Special Committees

Cub Scouts: Lisa Fischer Linke

- Recruitment night for 1st thru 5th grade boys is September 11th at 7:00 in the Park View Gym/Cafeteria

Boy Scouts: Ted Begley

- No report at this time

Brownie and Girl Scouts: Jeannie Hofeld

- No report at this time

Special Requests

- Mrs. Rubenstein made a request for \$281.86 for purchase of various percussion instruments for K-2 music program

Announcements

- The PTO is pushing for more communication and is moving toward going green by utilizing email and the website
- Greeters will be at both Curriculum Nights to help new families-Aneta Greiner is coordinating

Vote on Requests

- A motion was made by Darcy Bloom-Boedenfeld and seconded by Laura Vandebroucke to disburse \$281.86 to Mrs. Rubenstein for the purchase of percussion instruments. The motion passed by a vote of 29 ayes.

Audience to Visitors

- Jen Tiltges from the Morton Grove Park District made an announcement regarding the teen programs that are offered through the MGPD and to please contact her with any ideas or suggestions. The programs are for grades 5-8.
- Linda Rozich expressed thank you to everyone on the Board, Committees and Ms Wings for helping organize the Reception for the evening

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM by President Linda Rozich.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Eslick, PTO Recording Secretary