

Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2012

7:00 p.m. - Library

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Principal's Report:

The Safety Patrol has 19 new recruits. The school has also rolled out its' Internet Safety Program. Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are complete with a 94% parent turnout. Congratulations to Zachary Thompson. He won the Capac State Bank Contest for his illustration. The Coin Challenge is complete and raised \$1,236 dollars. The 4th graders won the challenge and had a popcorn and movie party. Thank you to the PTA for donating the popcorn and use of the popcorn machine. Mrs. McWilliams has initiated a school-wide reward challenge for students showing RAD Raider behavior. Students who receive 20 stamps will earn a RAD Raider T-shirt. Mrs. Jones spoke on the behalf of Mrs. McWilliams and is asking the PTA for help to purchase the t-shirts. She currently has a quote for \$6.95 per shirt and would need about \$2,000 from the PTA to cover the expenses. We asked that they get a few more quotes and then we can discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes from Oct. 18, 2012 were approved as is:

The motion to accept: Cindy Jones

2nd by Judi Koskodan.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

Since our last meeting, Market Day brought in \$226.61 and Recycling, \$69.57. We wrote a \$79 check for fieldtrips from the Hardship Fund. We also spent \$100 for a movie license for Family Movie Night. We also wrote a check for \$8987.15 to cover the expenses for the Fall Fundraiser. We purchased office supplies totaling \$83.70. We have 26 new PTA members as of today.

Finished Business:

Fall Fundraiser Update – The fundraiser items were distributed today. The fundraiser made a profit of \$7960.35 for the PTA. Thanks to Cynthia Dyke and Kim Bauer for chairing this fundraiser.

Fall Book Fair – The Book fair was a success and sold \$4,483 dollars worth of books. Based on the amount of books we sold, Mrs. Dupuis will receive books for the school library. Thanks for Mrs. Dupuis and Jennifer Fournier for chairing the event. Thanks also to all the volunteers for making it a success.

Current Business:

1st Grade Field Trip – Mrs. Savage and the other 1st grade teachers are planning a Field Trip to the Macomb Center for Performing Arts for the students to see Junie B. Jones in April 2013. They are looking for some extra money above the \$840 that is budgeted (approx. an extra \$200). They will be taking a total of 4 field trips during the school year. Mrs. Savage is going to go back to the 1st grade teachers and see how they would like to allocate the \$840 dollars between all the field trips and then get back to us.

Mom to Mom Sale – Set-up is on Nov. 16th between 4-7 p.m. Kathryn Calcaterra has 5-6 volunteers and has sold 31 tables and 13 racks. Thanks to Kathryn for all her hard work heading up this event. The actual sale is on Nov. 17th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Family Movie Night – Family Movie Night is set for Friday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 p.m. Kim Frederick and Kathrine Lahr will be chairing this event. We will be showing the movie Santa Buddies. The license has been purchased for \$100. Mrs. Dupuis will be projecting the movie on the wall of the cafeteria. The event will be free of charge and we will be serving popcorn, candy canes, cookies, and punch. It was suggested to speak to McDonalds to see if they would donate punch. A flyer was distributed to the school about the event on Nov. 10th. Lynn Marta will be helping out with the popcorn again this year. We are also seeking a few more volunteers to help out day of if anyone is interested.

Playground Update – Judi and Robyn are getting bids. Little Tykes came out and looked at the area and is currently drafting up a quote. They are getting another quote from another company the week of Nov. 19th. In order to apply for a grant, you have to have 2 quotes and have it submitted by Jan. 1, 2013.

Santa's Workshop – The Santa Shop Teacher Packets went out this week. Beth Kasper is currently in need of more volunteers, so please contact her if you can help. The gift bags were ordered and we will be wrapping all of the gifts this year. She will also be purchasing bubble wrap for the mugs and other glass items.

Holly Days Parade – We will not be having a PTA float in the parade this year. We tried, but we were unable to find anyone to chair the event and store the float. We can try again next year.

Market Day – Last month we did a pie fundraiser and we reached our pie selling goal. Now the PTA will receive 30% of the profit from the pie sale. Nice job! For this month a cookie dough fundraiser is going on and the money raised will go to the playground improvement fund.

PTA Membership Drive - We rolled out the PTA membership drive on Nov. 1st. So far 26 new members have signed up. The drive ends on Nov. 30th. The class with the most PTA members signed up will win a party of their choice.

Freezer Auction – Currently we have 1 sealed bid for the freezer chest. The auction ends on Nov. 30th.

Community Coat Drive – The coat drive began Nov. 1st and ends Dec. 5th. So far over 70 coats have been collected. Charlie Browns is another business in the community that is also joining in on the drive.

Apples for Students – Jennifer Fournier has sent in over \$4,000 in receipts to Vinkiers in the last month! She has a 60 page award catalog to look through and decide how we are going to spend to points that we earn through the program.

Detroit Pistons Game Fundraiser – We will not be participating in this fundraiser this year. Due to the new Pistons ownership, the program is now very difficult to work with and not lucrative enough to pursue.

New Business:

Ladies Night Out – Dawn Janicki will be chairing this event with a health and wellness theme in Jan. 2013. The event is currently set up as free admission. We will be selling exercise bands and currently there are 5 classes to choose from. Currently there are 6 vendor tables, so we are looking for more vendors. Please contact Dawn if you are interested. Dawn will be working with a \$200 budget for some items she needs to purchase for the event.

Vendor Night/Craft Show Fundraiser – Currently the PTA is considering having a craft show/vendor night in March 2013. Jennifer is going to contact April Wilson and Mandy Ott to get some more ideas and information.

PTA Newsletter – The next PTA newsletter will go out on Dec. 3rd. Please email Kim Frederick with any information you would like in the newsletter by Nov. 25th.

Next General Meeting:

There was a motion made by Kathryn Calcaterra to not hold a December 2012 meeting.

Judi Koskodan 2nd the motion. All in favor. No opposed. Motion Carries.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 17, 2013.

The motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The motion to adjourn was made by Judi Koskodan.

2nd by Dawn Janicki.

All in Favor.