

Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, February 21, 2013
7:00 p.m. - Library**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Kimberly Pringle-Remer.

Meeting Minutes from 1/17/13 were approved as is:

The motion to accept as is by Cynthia Dyke

2nd by Dawn Janicki

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

Katherine Lahr informed the PTA that \$10 was paid out at our last meeting for child care, \$51.92 was paid out for pizza for the winning box top contest class, Sunshine committee paid for \$50 Coney Gift card for Kim Remer, \$74.12 was for Office Supplies, stamps \$9, paid \$100 for movie license for Wall-E, after expenses Ladies Night out made a profit of \$305.24, Meijer Rewards brought in \$127.86, recycling was \$25.62, Market Day profit of \$223.26, and we signed up one new family to the PTA in February.

The motion to accept the Treasurers Report as is: Cynthia Dyke

2nd by Dawn Janicki

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Finished Business:

Labels for Education Points awarded to Mrs. Tencza: At the Jan. 17, 2013 meeting Robyn Pape made a motion to give all of the current Campbell's Soup points to Mrs. Tencza to purchase the clay through the catalog. She would receive all 36,000 points that are currently in the account. (21,000 points are needed for the clay purchase).

The motion was 2nd by Judi Koskodan.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion Carries.

*Katherine Lahr informed us that gel pens were ordered with the Labels for Education points. We will have to see if clay was purchased as well because that is what the PTA voted on for the 21,000 points.

Ladies Night Out : Dawn Janicki updated everyone on how the Ladies Night Out event went. The event made a profit of just over \$300 dollars. It was a nice event, but not very well attended. She has some new ideas for next year to maybe merge with the Spring Vendor Show and do some more marketing for the event. She said all the vendors said they were glad to be there and would come back again. We also discussed maybe moving this event from January to maybe April next year. Some PTA members who were at the event said it was fun and well organized.

Current Business:

Market Day Update: Sherrie Taylor spoke to the group about market day and let us know that Market Day was acquired by Gordon Foods. She was told there will be no changes to the program in the foreseeable future. The company is interested in speaking to us about using them for our large fall fundraiser. Need to discuss with Jennifer Fournier. Another pie fundraiser is going out on Feb. 22nd. The profits will go towards playground equipment.

March is Reading Month Speaker: A speaker has been selected for March 22, 2013. Charlie Classman and Dave Anthony, author's of Hero's A-Z, will be doing 2 shows for the students. One show is for our K-2 students and the other for 3rd and 4th grade students. They will also be providing 50 books that can be resold.

Spring Vendor Show: The PTA will be hosting a Spring Vendor Show on Monday, March 18th from 5-9 p.m. Table cost is \$20. We have 21 interested people at this point. They have been given contracts and are returning those to Jennifer. The PTA would like to host a table to sell concession stand foods/popcorn. We will also put out our Raider SpiritWear Order Forms to sell Raider clothing. We will also be holding a raffle and are asking vendors to donate an item to have auctioned. As far as marketing we would like to consider running an ad in the local paper and putting it on the Charlie Brown's sign and bank sign in town. We will also be putting flyers out at local businesses. A PTA member also suggested adding it to our facebook page. We also need a layout to figure out how many tables we can set up. We would like to leave the gym open and hire babysitters so the kids can play while the parents shop. Admission cost will be \$1 dollar for adults and free for kids. We also need volunteers to sit at raffle and admission tables. We will ask for volunteers in our next newsletter that will go out on March 1st.

Fun Run Update: The Fun Run is scheduled for May 10th with a rain date set aside for May 24th. Robin and Judi are drafting a sponsor letters and seeking sponsors for this years' event.

Playground Update – Judi Koskodan and Robyn Pape have received 2 quotes and have chosen a company to go with updating the playground. They are waiting for a formal poster to hang up in the school as well as a fundraising thermometer.

Apples for Students Program: We started to discuss ideas on how to use the points collected in the Apples for Students Program. We decided to table the discussion to our next meeting when we have more information on the amount of points we have to spend and also have the catalog to look at.

Box Top Update: The Box Top contest for the school is ending on Feb. 22nd with the classroom winner announced on Feb. 25th.

2nd Movie Night: Our next movie night is set for Friday, April 26th. Katherine Lahr has submitted for a movie license for Wall-E. We already have all the popcorn supplies purchased from the last movie night. We will need to talk to McDonalds to see if they can donate juice again. Katherine also asked the group if they can think of another item to serve besides cookies; they took a long time to bake last time.

School Popcorn Sale: At our last meeting we discussed selling popcorn on PJ Day. After the PTA discussed it with Mrs. McWilliams, we couldn't find a way to make the sale work for everyone in such short notice. We decided to come up with a way and then maybe set another date in the spring. Mrs. Jones suggested maybe selling it at the end of each trimester? The next trimester ends March 14th. We will have to meet with Mrs. McWilliams to find a plan that works because she is interested and the PTA is interested.

4th Grade Honor Roll Celebration: The 2nd trimester ends on March 14th. The PTA will have to meet with Mrs. McWilliams to decide when to have the 4th Grade Honor Roll Ice Cream Social. If anyone wants to volunteer to help at this event that would be great!

New Business:

Large Fall Fundraiser: At our last meeting PTA members expressed the fact that they do not want to do catalog sales anymore. Cynthia Dyke spoke to the group at the meeting and reminded us all that the fundraiser brings in over \$8,000. Her suggestion is to have the Fun Run profits go towards playground improvements for the last time in the spring of 2013. She suggested doing one more catalog sale in the fall of

2013 and let people know this will be the last one. Then have the spring 2014 Fun Run profits go toward the PTA general fund. She said it will be up to our PTA Board to decide what type of catalog sale to do, we could go with Morley again or consider Market Day or Frankenmuth?

BW3 Fundraiser: Jill Ward is going to be chairing a Buffalo Wild Wing Fundraiser for the PTA at the 26 Mile location sometime in the spring. She is going to target Sunday, May 5th. 20% of the money raised will go back to the PTA. She will pass out flyers to the school and make sure to send out a reminder the Friday before the date selected for the fundraiser. She will also send out a Honeywell reminder to everyone at Orchard Primary.

Almont Raider Clothing Sale: Lisa Evola has quoted us prices for the clothing that we picked out to sell in the spring. We decided to mark each item up by \$3 dollars. Lisa is currently making us an order form. We will begin our sale in March. The PTA members suggested getting samples from Lisa to make a display case. Rick Throop suggested adding camouflage hats with an orange A to our sale for the Dads. We will contact Lisa to add this to our form.

Meeting Date Change: Due to a change in her work schedule our PTA President, Jennifer Fournier is not able to attend our General Meetings on Thursday evenings. Cynthia Dyke made a motion to change our meetings to the 1st Mondays of the month contingent on building use. It was 2nded by Dawn Janicki. All in favor, no one opposed, motion carries.

Dawn Janicki reminded the group about the Sex and Sexting program on March 25th at the high school for high school students. She also mentioned that she is working with a couple of other people to start a Manners Committee at Orchard Primary. They are putting some ideas together and would like to meet with all the teachers.

We were reminded that April 24th is Secretaries Day. Last year the PTA purchased \$50 gift certificates to Lucky's. We will mark our calendars and make sure to do something again this year.

The motion to adjourn meeting at 8:12 p.m. by Cynthia Dyke

2nd – Sherrie Taylor

All in Favor. No one opposed.