

Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2013

7:00 p.m. - Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jennifer Fournier.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. McWilliams said she would like to start an open forum type meeting with the community similar to the type of meeting that Mr. Candela holds with the community. She said more information regarding this meeting is coming soon. She said she would like to get sidewalk chalk for the kids to play with on the playground. If anyone would like to donate, just bring it in to the office. Kindergarten Round-up is Thursday, April 11th. The PTA will be having a table with information available. April 25th is Take your Child to Work Day. She is going to be sending home a permission slip for the students to fill out so it is considered an excused absence. Also teacher request forms are coming and will be available for parents.

Meeting Minutes from 2/21/13 were approved as is:

The motion to accept as is: Mrs. McWilliams

2nd by Kim Bauer

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

Katherine Lahr reviewed her March 2013 Treasurer Report with the group.

The motion to accept the Treasurers Report as is: Mrs. McWilliams

2nd by Jill Ward

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Finished Business:

Spring Vendor Show: The Vendor Show went well. We sold 28 tables and made over \$700 at this event. We will be doing this event next year and maybe combine with the Ladies Health and Wellness night out. We will reassess table size, table cost, and concessions for next year. Overall for the first year, it was a good turnout.

March is Reading Month Assembly: Most of the teachers and parents have received great feedback from the students regarding the Assembly that was put on by the Heros A-Z authors. The cost was \$400 and we are still waiting to be invoiced. Next year Mrs. Grace has an author from Alaska already scheduled.

4th Grade Honor Roll Ice Cream Social: This event took place March 25th. The kids received a certificate, pencils, some freebies from Mrs. McWilliams and an Ice Cream Social. The kids all seemed to be very happy with this event. We still have nearly \$800 left in the budget. Kim Webster questioned what is going to happen with this money and why we didn't spend more of it on this event. The budget was set from the previous year and this year the PTA and school elected to do a much smaller and less expensive option for the Honor Roll students. Next year this money will be allocated to another fund and the budget for this event will be decreased. Mrs. McWilliams also mentioned that in the future Letter Grades will probably go away.

Current Business:

Almont Raider SpiritWear Update: The spiritwear items were ordered and we sold about 160 items. We made a profit of \$472 dollars for this sale. The items are going to be in this week and passed out on April 16th from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Market Day Update: No Market Day update was available.

Secretaries Day: Secretaries Day is April 24th. We would like to purchase a gift card for Susie Downing and Jenny Henige. \$100 is in the budget. Kathryn Steinbrink is going to figure out what they would like and let us know so we can purchase the gift cards before next week. We were also reminded to do something for Bus Driver Secretary as well right around the time of Secretaries Day.

Family Movie Night – Walle: Movie night is set for Friday April 26th at 7:00 p.m. Flyers and posters will go out to the school this week. The PTA will be supplying candy and popcorn and juice has been donated by McDonalds. The movie license has already been purchased. Jen McCarty mentioned that her kids loved this event and if we can do more of these during the year that would be great.

Fall Fundraiser Meeting: On April 22nd, a committee is going to be meeting with 3 companies and make a decision on who we would like to use for the Fall Fundraiser. We are hoping this will be the last time we have a catalog sale. This will be the last year the Fun Run donations go to the playground upgrade.

Fun Run Update: The Fun Run is scheduled for May 10th with a rain date set aside for May 24th. One grant has been submitted and we will find out if we get it later this month. We are looking for sponsors so if you would like to sponsor please contact Robyn Pape.

Playground Update – No update was available.

BW3 PTA Fundraiser: Sunday, May 5th the PTA is hosting a fundraiser at BW3 in Washington Twp. 20% of the proceeds from that day will be given to the PTA. You must have a flyer with you that day to get the proceeds to go to the PTA. Jill Ward is going to pass around flyers to the school a week or 2 before the event.

Sunshine Committee Guidelines: The group discussed setting some guidelines for this committee and trying to distinguish the difference between the Sunshine committee and the hardship budget. We were told that anything over \$50 spent by the committee must be approved by the PTA Board. Further discussion on this topic is needed.

New Business:

School Wide Halloween Party: Some of the teachers brought up the idea of having a school wide Halloween Party in the fall instead of individual classroom parties. The group questioned whether this would really save money and whether it would be feasible with so many students in the school. Kathryn Steinbrink mentioned that she hadn't heard of the idea, but that the staff would probably be discussing it at an upcoming meeting. This discussion was tabled until we receive more information and feedback from the teachers.

Apples for Students Program: Jennifer is going to be looking into when the deadline is to submit point for this year. She said we have 40,000 points and probably another 10,000 that need to be collected in the boxes. Some ideas were discussed on how to spend the points. One idea was to split the points up and give to each grade level. Another is maybe have a drawing. This will be discussed at the next PTA Board Meeting.

Health and Fitness Assembly: No information was available. We would like to hold one during the week of the Fun Run.

Teacher Staff Appreciation Week: Kim Bauer is chairing a committee this year. The events are going to be held May 6-10th. They have a committee meeting on April 16th at 8:30 a.m. She has asked for food and drink donations for this week. She will also need volunteers to help pass out items to the Teachers.

Nominations for Treasurer for 2013 School Year: Katherine Lahr will be stepping down next year, so she explained to the group the details of her position. Jill Ward nominated Lauren Rienas for the Treasurer Position. All in favor, no one opposed and Lauren accepted the position. She will be meeting with Katherine to learn how to do this position for next year. Congrats Lauren!

Nominations for Vice President for 2013 School Year: Kimberly Remer will be stepping down as Vice President. We did not get any nominations for Vice President at this meeting. It will be opened up again at the next General Meeting.

3rd Grade Field Trip: Katherine Steinbrink attended this meeting and presented a proposal to the PTA to cover some extra expenses beyond the \$840 dollars allocated in the budget for the 3rd Grade field trip. They needed about an extra \$500. Jen McCarty made a motion that the PTA make up the difference to help cover the cost of busing. It was 2nded by Chris Kline. All in favor, no one opposed. Motion Carries.

The motion to adjourn meeting at 8:17 p.m. by Kim Bauer.

2nd – Lauren Rienas

All in Favor. No one opposed.