

## Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 3, 2014

7:00 p.m. - Library

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jennifer Fournier.

**Principal Report** – No report available.

**Meeting Minutes from 2/3/14 were approved as is:**

The motion to accept as is: Cynthia D.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Kristy L.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lauren R. changed the format of the budget to match the expectations of the Michigan PTA. The numbers have not changed, just the format to make the information clearer for everyone to understand.

The motion to accept the report as is: Cynthia D.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Colleen M.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

**Almont Kids First Initiative:**

Superintendent Candela made a presentation to our group about the Building and Site Sinking Fund. There is a proposal for a 1 mill Building and Site Sinking Fund on the August 5, 2014 ballot. This fund will raise \$280,809 in 2014 and similar amounts for the next 9 years. The money is to be used exclusively for building and site repairs, which include safety and security measures, energy efficiency and other infrastructure upgrades. This money would only go toward O/P, Middle School, and High School and not toward the A/E building. We were encouraged to visit the school website for more information. Kim F. asked if this mill passes, how quickly could we see safety improvements at O/P. Mr. Candela responded by saying that he would have to speak to the School Board, but he would hope to have at least the entrance to the school upgraded by the start of the school year on Sept. 4, 2014.

Next, Colleen M. spoke to the group on behalf of the “vote yes” committee for the Building and Site Sinking Fund project. This group has about 19 members and they are looking for more volunteers if anyone is interested. They are making 3 banners for each school, along with signs for yards and businesses around Almont. This group will also be doing some phone calling this summer and will be available for questions at upcoming events that are held at each of the 3 schools. She asked for a donation to help with the cost of the banners and signs.

Cynthia D. made a motion for the PTA to donate \$50 to assist with the signage cost.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Nickole A., with the understanding that if a “vote no” group comes to us for a donation we would donate \$50 to their committee as well.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

**Finished Business:**

Detroit Red Wings Assembly: This event took place on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. It was one hour long and focused on education, dedication, physical fitness and eating healthy. It was a fun assembly for the whole school. The school also received a generous donation of field hockey equipment. Jennifer B. said the kids are enjoying the new equipment and she thanked us for putting on this event.

Mom to Mom Sale: This sale was held on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Most of the participation came from people that came across our posting on the Mom to Mom sale website. It was a very cold day, so the turnout was not as high as we had hoped.

Kathryn C. mentioned that we had to pay the janitors for 6 hours to be onsite during the sale and that took away most of the profit from this event.

Box Top Contest: Mrs. Ashbaugh's class won the box top contest by collecting the most box tops of any class in the school. They collected 2,173 box tops and won a party of their choice. The entire school collected 18,727 box tops. We will have one more contest later this year.

### **Current Business:**

March is Reading Month: The theme this year is IditaRead. There is an assembly scheduled on March 19<sup>th</sup> with Author Pam Flowers. Assemblies will be held at 9 a.m. 10 a.m. There will also be an event for the whole school and parents on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Colleen M. also mentioned that there are 3 PACT nights that are held at school by the Lapeer Literacy Center. Look at the March is Reading Month calendar for more information.

Spring Vendor Show/Ladies Fitness Night: The event is going to be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. We will be hosting zumba, yoga, and cross-fit along with having many other vendors selling their products. If you are interested in being a vendor or know someone that would like to be a vendor please contact Jennifer Fournier.

Spring Spiritwear Sale: The committee met with our sales rep. Lisa Evola on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. We picked out new items for the spring sale including jackets, fleeces, t-shirts, duffle bags, and stadium blankets. Lisa is going to use some new logo ideas for this spring. The target date for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the sale is March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>. Items will be distributed after spring break. We are planning to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> round sale, but since we can't store samples they will only be available during the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the sale.

PTA Trailer Update: Heather T. is going to be working on putting the trailer up for sale after the cold weather breaks. Right now the trailer is buried in snow!

Market Day Update: It was decided that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Market Day Special Dessert fundraiser profit will go towards the PTA's General Fund and not the RAD Raider T-shirt fund. The deadline to purchase desserts through this fundraiser is March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Morley Chocolate Fountain Party: The date for this event is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Lauren R. is looking for a few volunteers to help out. All the kids that sold at least 1 item will be invited to the party. Morley will also be handing out prizes that day for the top sellers. Lauren R. is putting a list of the students participating in each of the teacher's mailboxes tomorrow.

### **New Business:**

Teacher Requests: Mrs. Savage spoke to the group and requested \$70 from the PTA to purchase participant and Best in Show ribbons for the Science Fair that is going to be held on March. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Cynthia D. made a motion for the PTA to pay \$70 to pay for the Science Fair ribbons.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Stephanie B.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Field Day Chair: Jennifer F. read a letter from Mrs. Bassols stating that she is resigning as the Field Day chairperson. She has dedicated many years to the PTA and chair of Field Day, but for many reasons is ready to pass this event on to someone else. Due to the fact of the large scale of this event, she recommends having 2 co-chairs. Jennifer F. and Cynthia D. volunteered to co-chair the event for this school year. If the PTA is interested in having this event for the next school year we will need to find a new chair or new co-chairs.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll: This event will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Colleen M. is going to make sure that this date does not conflict with the Balto movie that is going to be shown sometime that week. Lauren R. is working on getting a small gift that we can give the kids. Lisa Evola is quoting the cost of a "4<sup>th</sup> Grade vinyl cling" for parents interested in purchasing

them for their vehicle. We are planning to host another Ice Cream Social so if you are interested in helping out, please contact Lauren R.

Field Trip Money Vote: The PTA Board analyzed the budget and has some amount of surplus in the budget that we would like to use toward field trips. It was proposed to raise the amount given to each class from \$210 to \$420 for field trips. We felt this was a great way to help out the students and parents with the money raised by the PTA. The PTA Board will put out a memo to the teachers letting them know of the change if this vote passes.

Cynthia D. made a motion to double the field trip money given to each class from \$210 to \$420.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristy Leid

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion Carries.

Teacher Supply Reimbursement Vote: The PTA Board proposed to reimburse the teachers up to \$200 to help pay for supplies or other classroom materials. We felt this was a good way to help the teachers and students using extra money raised by the PTA. Since this was not in the original budget we would need to write in a line item on the budget. The PTA Board will write a letter to the teachers to inform them on this reimbursement.

Cynthia D. made a motion to add a line item and reimburse the teachers up to \$200 to pay for supplies or other classroom materials.

2<sup>nd</sup> – by Nickole A.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Apples for Students Points: Kristy L. and Judi K. have recently submitted more receipts to Vinckiers bringing our total points close to 200,000! The deadline to submit points is March 30<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to use the points and place an order is April 11<sup>th</sup>. The PTA Board suggested using the points to purchase a digital camera for the PTA.. We also suggested giving the remainder of the points to Mrs. Bassols to use to purchase new gym equipment.

Cynthia D. made a motion to use the points to purchase a digital camera for the PTA and use the remaining points to purchase equipment for the gym.

2<sup>nd</sup> – by Nickole A.

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries

Kristy L. will get the camera ordered and then get a catalog to Mrs. Bassols to get gym equipment picked out and ordered before the deadline.

#### PTA Board Nominations for the 2014-2015 School Year:

Open President Position: Jennifer F. held this position for 2 years and will have to open her position up because her child is going to the Middle School next year. Cynthia D. nominated Nickole Andersen as Present of the PTA for the 2014-2015 school year. Due to the fact that there were no other interested candidates Nicole Anderson was elected as the PTA President. All in favor. No one opposed. Congratulations Nickole!

Open Vice-President Position: Due to the fact that was no other interested candidates, Heather Throop agreed to keep her position as the Vice-President of the PTA for the 2014-2015 school year.

Open Secretary Position: This position was opened to the group, but will remain open due to the fact that there were no new nominees. Kim Frederick will be looking for a replacement after serving for 2 years. This will be brought up again at our next meeting.

Open Treasurer Position: Due to the fact that was no other interested candidates, Lauren Rienas agreed to keep her position as the Treasurer of the PTA for the 2014-2015 school year.

Other Questions: Kathryn C. asked why the electronic sign in front of the school hasn't been working for years. Mr. Candela said they put all new parts in the sign, but that didn't help. They believe there is a broken wire underground. They need to have an electrician come out in the spring and find the broken wire and fix the sign.

The motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m. by Cynthia D.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristy L.

All in favor.

**The next meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.**