

Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2013

7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Heather Throop.

Principal Report – Friday Nov. 1st was a surprise and due to the building power outage there was no school.

Conferences are happening this week and parents will be asked to do a perception survey to give feedback on the school. The computer lab will be available to take this short survey. Mrs. McWilliams will be setting up a meeting starting at the beginning of 2014 to meet with parents and gather information and feedback regarding our school. She also passed around a sign-up sheet to anyone that would like to volunteer and bring food and drinks to the teacher conference dinner held this week.

Meeting Minutes from 10/7/13 were approved as is:

The motion to accept as is: Cynthia Dyke. 2nd by Kim Webster All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

The motion to accept as is: Penny McWilliams. 2nd by Cynthia Dyke All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Halloween Party Family Fun Night – The night was a huge success. Over 550 people came with over 350 of them being kids. By putting out a donation jar and getting money and items donated by our generous businesses in the community we were able to make money. Mrs. Jones made a suggestion to maybe have a break scheduled for volunteers so they can walk around and see all the other activities going on. This year we were able to do the event with 75 volunteers. So if we do this in the future we would need a few more volunteers and have them walk around and provide breaks to the volunteers.

Box Top Contest – The box top contest has ended and the school made \$1,300. Mrs. Ruhala's class collected the most box tops and won a party of their choice.

Morley Candy Fundraiser – All orders have been submitted. We don't have an actual amount of profit yet, but are hoping to soon. Overall though the sale went well and brought in more money than last year based on looking at the amount of sales we had. The pick-up day for items is Nov. 14th.

Fall Spiritwear Fundraiser – 2nd Round – The 2nd round of ordering began on Oct. 30th. The deadline to return the forms and money is Nov. 11th. The items will be returned to us on Nov. 22nd and we will set up a pick-up day on Nov. 25th. Some people questioned why samples were no longer available? We had to sell the samples because we had to pay full price for every sample item. If we would have kept all the samples we would not have made any profit. We also do not have room to store samples. It was suggested to let people know for a future sale to come and look at the items right way before they are sold.

Detroit Red Wings Assembly and Ticket Sale - Due to the power outage at school on Nov. 1st, the deadline to return order forms and money for this fundraiser is now Nov. 5th. All orders will be submitted on Nov. 5th and no late orders will be accepted.

Market Day - As of this evening 260 pies have been sold. About 7 people get to throw pies at Mrs. McWilliams face for selling 15 or more pies. The date for the event will be determined and Mrs. McWilliams will let us know. The cookie sale will begin in the middle of November.

PTA Float – Judi K. went and looked at the float and got dimensions. She also said the float is in great shape overall, just needs a few repairs. It is actually still decorated from the last time it was used. Judi recommended donating it to another interested group. Both Cynthia D. and Mandy O. said that a lot of money was put into the trailer to make it functional to

work as a float. Cynthia recommended we get it assessed and sell the float. Heather Throop knows someone that can put a monetary value on the float and will have that person come and look at it. This will give us an idea of how much we could sell it for.

Santa Shop - The Santa Shop will take place on Dec 2, 3, and 4th this year. We will need to set-up on Sunday, Dec. 1st this year. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Beth Kasper.

Fall Book Fair – The book fair is all set up for the week. Mrs. Dupuis is still in need of more volunteers, especially Wednesday and Thursday evening. Even if you can help for 1 hour, please contact her. Thanks!

PTA Table at Conferences – The PTA will be having a table at conferences to sell spiritwear items and also sign up new members. Kim F. passed around a sign-up sheet to see if anyone would be willing to work at the table either Wednesday evening or Thursday evening.

PTA Membership Drive – The PTA will be holding a membership drive during the month of November. The class that signs up the most members by Nov. 30th will win a party of their choice. We will take into account all members that signed up before Nov. 1st when determining the class winner.

4th Grade Honor Roll – The honor roll celebration will take place on Dec. 13th at 2:45 p.m. The PTA will be providing an Ice Cream Social along with printing out certificates and providing free bowling passes. We are also looking into purchasing a pen or some other item to give to the students. Mandy Ott also suggested contacting the Raider Coney Island because they may provide a free kids meal to the students. Some parents also suggested providing Honor Roll bumper stickers. It was also suggested to let the parents know when the celebration was taking place so they can be apart of it. Kim F. will put this information in the next newsletter that goes out on Dec. 1st.

Family Movie Night in December – The PTA Board asked membership if anyone would be interested in chairing a movie night for the school in December 2013. Kim F. explained what was involved to doing a movie night and Kathryn Calcaterra agreed to chair the event. Stephanie Bankston agreed to volunteer. Kim F. will also help and will email Kathryn and Stephanie all of the information they need to know to set up that event. It was suggested to maybe borrow the High Schools popcorn machine because it is larger than our machine.

Issues with Ipad's – Dawn Janicki mentioned that both the High School and Middle School are experiencing issues with the Ipad's. She encouraged anyone that has a child that has a problem to please contact Mr. Candela so he can address all of the issues.

Spring Vendor Show- The spring vendor show will be combined with ladies night out this year. It is targeted to happen in March 2013. Jennifer Fournier and Dawn Janicki will be co-chairing this event. More information is to come.

Mom to Mom Sale – Kathryn Calcaterra is chairing this event with the help of Jessica Schwartz. The building use form has been filled out and the event is set for Feb. 8th. Brenda Geml was concerned that this might not be a good time of year to do a sale? However Kathryn feels confident that this will be a good time. In the past having it in November did not work out that well because of the conflict with hunting season. Plus the planning process for this event has already been underway since the beginning of the school year.

Grandparents Family Fun Night in Feb. 2014 – Mandy Ott suggested that we host a Grandparents Family Fun night around Valentine's Day. The PTA Board mentioned that the PTA may already be working with the school on doing a Jump Rope for Heart activity that week. Mandy is going to speak to Jennifer Fournier.

The motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m. by Cynthia Dyke
2nd – Penny McWilliams

All in Favor. No one opposed.