

## **Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 18, 2012**

**7:00 p.m. - Library**

**Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.**

### **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Penny Kentish-McWilliams was happy to announce that Meap Testing is finished for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The results will probably be returned in a few months. Orchard Primary was also recognized by the State of Michigan for being in the Top 5% and receiving "Beating the Odds" achievement. Recently a "Robot" was added to the lobby that sells pencils, pens, notebooks and the kids love it! They are hoping to use the money raised by this machine for an ice machine. Mrs. McWilliams also presented the school with a Coin Drive Challenge beginning on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. The grade that wins the challenge will win an extra field trip or a slushy party. The money raised is going towards technology, possibly an Ipad. She also thanked the PTA for paying for field trips for some students that were not able to fund the money at this time.

### **Meeting Minutes from Sept. 18, 2012 were approved as is:**

The motion to accept: Penny McWilliams

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Dupuis

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Katherine Lahr informed us about the Fall Fundraiser profit of around \$8,000. We also received a recycling check for \$117.88. We were also \$131.00 under budget for the Meap Snacks. Katherine also wrote a \$300 check to Debby's Dollar for a deposit to hold our Santa Shop dates in December. Robyn also stated that they will be sending in all the box tops collected and we should receive a check for June and then another check for this batch that is being sent out soon.

The motion to accept the Treasurers Report as is: Penny McWilliams

2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Koskodan

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

### **Finished Business:**

Fall Fundraiser Update - The fundraiser has wrapped up with a profit of around \$8,000. This is down a bit from last year.

Meap Testing Snacks - Meap snacks were purchased for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders by the PTA. The cost was \$169.00 for the 5 testing days (under budget). We were able to purchase these items through the help of Deb our Lunch Lady at a reasonable cost.

Sunshine Committee: The committee ordered a Raider blanket for a sick child at the school. It was packaged and sent to him.

### **Current Business:**

Monetary Donation to the Middle School Halloween Party - Jennifer was contacted by the Middle School Student Council to see if our PTA would consider making a monetary donation to their Halloween Party on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. The donation would be made to offset the cost of candy. Jeanne Dupuis asked if we can find out if the donations go toward the play.

A motion was made by Robyn Pape for our PTA to wait and see what donations they get and hold off donating at this time to see if it is necessary.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Koskodan

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Mom to Mom Sale - The Mom to Mom sale will be on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1 p.m. Set up will be in the evening on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn Calcaterra made a flyer and it was distributed to the school on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. She is in need of volunteers in all areas. The sale has been posted on the Mom to Mom sale for 2 weeks already. She is also going to give flyers to the Middle School and High School to make them aware of the sale. She is also going to give a sketch of how we would like the gym/café set up to the custodians a few days before the sale.

Playground Update – The committee is at the very beginning of the planning process. Judi and Robyn are going to meet with Mrs. McWilliams and have a few companies come out and give some estimates on what can be done. Then the committee can make a plan with a goal of money that needs to be raised. This will probably be a 2-3 year project. We would like to post pictures and a graph of money raised towards the playground. Judi is also going to put an article in the newsletter to wrap up the Fun Run from last year and make everyone aware that the money raised is in the playground fund. Judi and Robyn are also pursuing a few grants to help raise money for the playground fund.

Santa's Workshop – Beth Kasper is chairing this event. The dates that are reserved with Debby's Dollar are Dec 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>. The deposit check has been sent in.

March Reading Month – Katherine Lahr is continuing to work with Mrs. Grace to decide between our two top prospects. No decision has been made at this time.

Fall Book Fair – The book fair is from Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Fournier is going to assist with set-up on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet went around for more volunteers to assist Mrs. Dupuis.

Box Top Contest – Box tops have been collected from each class and the class that collects the most will win a party of their choice. The contest ends Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, and the winning class will be announced on Monday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Market Day – The next Market Day pick-up date is Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and Sherri Taylor is in need of some volunteers. They are currently promoting a pie fundraiser during the month. The total profit from Oct. Sales was \$184.15.

### **New Business:**

Holly Days Parade Float – We are in need of a committee and a place to store and work on a float for the Holly Days Parade held in the beginning of December. Anyone interested should speak or email Jennifer Fournier.

Freezer for Sale – The small chest freezer in the teachers lounge is for sale. It is probably 10 years old, but is still in working order. We will be taking sealed bids that can be placed in the PTA mailbox. We will post this in the newsletter and make a flyer for this auction beginning on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

PTA Membership Drive – PTA will be hosting a membership drive from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. The class that has the most members signed up will win a party of their choice. This will include members that are already signed up as well. The PTA will also have a table set up in the hallway during parent/teacher conferences as an effort to sign up more members. The PTA will send out a flyer and the membership forms on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Family Fun Night – The PTA would like to host a movie family fun night at the end of Nov. or beginning on December. Mandy Ott is considering chairing this event in Jan. or Feb. 2013. Judi is working on getting the information about movie licensing so we can get that process started. It takes about a month to get the license.

Ladies Night Out – Dawn Janicki will be chairing this event with a health and wellness theme in Jan. 2013. She is planning on charging companies for a table and not charging for general admission. There would be a charge for those interested in doing Zumba or other classes that are available. If anyone knows someone that would be interested in having a table, please pass the information along to Dawn.

New Fundraising Ideas – Do to the fact that the Fall Fundraiser did not raise as much as last year, we are considering some new ideas for another fundraiser to hold during the school year. Everyone seemed very interested in selling t-shirts and sweatshirts in both children and adult sizes. Most of us are having a difficult time finding Raider apparel so we feel a clothing sale would go over well. Jennifer is going to get the contact information for the company who made Raider t-shirts in the past and get a cost. We are also considering having a contest for students to design the t-shirt using the Raider Logo. Some other ideas under consideration are selling popcorn to students on Friday for 25 cents, a pop can drive, or collecting old cell phones and mailing them back for money.

Apples for Students Spartan Stores Program – Robyn collected some fundraising information from the new Spartan store in Almont. Jennifer is going to chair this event and get it kicked off within the school. Mrs. Dupuis was familiar with the program and said it is worth doing.

Halloween Party – Mandy Ott is interested in putting a committee together at the end of 2012 to plan a Halloween Party for 2013.

PTA Newsletter – The next PTA newsletter will go out on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please email Kim Frederick with any information you would like in the newsletter by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next General Meeting:**

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 in the library.

### **The motion to adjourn meeting at 8:14 p.m.**

The motion to accept: Jeanne Dupuis

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristy

All in Favor.