

Orchard Primary PTA General Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

7:00 p.m. - Library

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The General Members were welcomed and the new board members were introduced:

President – Jennifer Fournier

Vice President – Kimberly Pringle-Remer

Treasurer – Kathrine Lahr

Secretary – Kim Frederick

Introduction of our new Principal and Principal's Report:

Mrs. Penny Kentish-McWilliams introduced herself to the PTA. She taught Kindergarten in Flint schools for 7 years, and was the Principal at Byron Schools for 9 years. She also has experience on a school board and has many exciting ideas for our PTA, including new fundraising ideas.

The school year has been a good transition, and everyone seems to be settling into their routines. 81% of parents came to the open house. At her table at open house she raised \$220 for the fish tank. The school also has trained 23 4th grade students on the safety patrol.

Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2012 were approved:

The motion to accept: Cynthia Dyke

2nd by Mandy Ott

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report reviewed and approved:

The motion to accept: Cynthia Dyke

2nd by Judi Koskodan

All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries

Finished Business:

Open House – 39 new members signed up at the open house and as of last night there were 47 members.

Fish Tank in Library - Principal Penny Kentish-McWilliams has claimed responsibility of the fish tank located in the library. The PTA is no longer responsible and the cost has been taken out of the PTA budget. The fish tank that is located at the Almont Elementary building was sold to Mrs. Bassols.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dupuis for the PTA to give \$250 to our Principal to help with the cost of the fish tank expenses.

The motion to accept: Jeanne Dupuis

2nd by Robyn Pape

All in Favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.

Current Business:

March Reading Month – There is a company out of Oxford that is willing to come to Orchard Primary to do a “Hero’s” Theme program for our students. Both Mrs. Dupuis and Katherine Lahr have been in contact with them. If we do this program in December it will cost \$250 and if we do this in March the price is \$400. The price includes 2 assemblies, and a 5 minute min-presentation in each classroom. The idea needs to be discussed with Mrs. Grace since she is ahead of the March is Reading Month program.

Playground Update - The playground committee is currently considering buying some items for the playground including balls and hula hoops. They are also considering doing another fundraiser to raise more money to add to the funds that were raised last year during the fun run. They would like to purchase a larger play structure and more money is needed. Robyn Pape also stated that playground grants should be opening up again in September 2012, so we can reapply for a grant.

Fall Fundraiser – The fundraiser began on Friday, September 14, 2012. There was an assembly at the school and children were sent home with the selling packet. The money and order forms are due on October 1, 2012. We will be seeking volunteers to assist on distribution day at the General Meeting on Thursday. A sign up sheet was passed around and given to Cynthia Dyke. Distribution will take place the week of November 15, 2012.

Market Day – This year Sherrie Taylor will be chairing the market day program. She was not present at the meeting, but did send in some updates. The first market day fundraiser was in September 2012 and made nearly \$140. Sherrie is looking for volunteers to assist in distribution about 2 hours a month. The first date she needs help is Oct. 9th from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m. She is also looking for a babysitter to help during those hours. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

New Business:

Box Tops and Campbell’s Soup Labels – Robyn Pape will once again chair these programs. She will be starting a school wide contest on Sept. 24th that will end on Oct. 19th. She informed us that our Campbell’s Soup label point balance is 36,000. She passed along a catalog along to the teachers. She is also emailing Kim Frederick some information to put in our PTA newsletter regarding the programs.

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.

Mom to Mom Sale – We would like to hold a 2nd annual Mom to Mom sale yet this fall. Kathryn Calcaterra is interested in helping out, but we need someone to chair or help co-chair this event. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around. Kathryn is going to check, because she believes the cost of advertising is already paid for on a Mom to Mom sale website from last year. We are considering the date of Nov. 16th for set-up and Nov. 17th for the sale date. Kim Frederick

is going to check with A/E to check on building use for those dates. We need to find out if we will be charged any money to use the building for set up on Nov. 16th.

Halloween Party – The PTA is interested in hosting a Halloween Party. Mandy Ott is considering co-chairing the event. She is going to contact Jen Bassols to see if she would assist. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around. PTA is considering contacting the High School NHS to help with day-off activities at the party.

Santa's Workshop – Beth Kasper will once again be chairing this event. The deadline to sign with Debby's Dollar is Sept. 21st, so Beth is going to RSVP with them tomorrow. The dates that are under consideration are Dec. 3 – Dec 7. Beth is going to check and see if the gym is available that week. Last year the gym was only needed through Thursday, so she is hoping for the same this year.

Book Fair – Mrs. Dupuis is looking for help for the book fair. She needs a few people to assist with setting up the books, organizing volunteers and counting the money. The book fair will be held the week of fall conferences in November. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around.

PTA Newsletter - A monthly PTA newsletter to go out on the 1st of each month. The first newsletter will go out on Oct. 1, 2012. Kim Frederick will put the newsletter together with information submitted to her from other members and teachers. Kim's email address is cookkim@hotmail.com. Please email her the information you would like in the 1st newsletter by Sept. 26, 2012.

Questions – Kathryn Calcaterra raised some concerns about the conditions at Kids Club at the A/E building. She would like PTA to consider using some box top profits to help the Kids Club.

Next General Meeting:

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 in the library.

The motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The motion to accept: Jennifer Fournier

2nd - All in attendance