



McDole Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes 10/20/09

Present: Robyn Lycan, Jen Stoll, Marguerite Ledone, Tom Gerlach, Cheryl Wheatley, Julie Walker, Mark Moeller, Martne McCoy, Jill Hayes, Liz Schulz, Ken Brynda, Paula Brynda, Michelle VanPlew, Niki Schomas, Debbie Taylor, Ross Taylor, Carrie Guerra, Michelle Hanson, Mrs. Lannert.

Secretary report: The reading and approval of the September minutes was waived until the November meeting.

Treasurer's report: Jen Stoll reviewed all expenses and income this year.

Committee reports:

Mom/Son Fling: The Mom/Son Fling was held on September 26, 2009 and went very well. The pictures have already been distributed to all attendants of this event.

Fall Fundraiser: Last day for Fall Fundraiser internet orders was 10/16/09. All products will be in on 11/13/09.

Family Fun Night: This year's 1st Family Fun Night was held on October 16, 2009 and was "Spooktacular". Thanks to the Montgomery Wal-Mart for donating popcorn balls for the event.

Newsletter: Thanks to Julie Walker for her great work on the PTO newsletter.

Spirit Week: Spirit week was held September 28-October 2, 2009 to coordinate with Kaneland High School Homecoming, and included a number of different themes for the week. Mrs. Schulz commented that costumes such as those for "dress like your favorite book character" are distracting. She recommended that students write down "reasons they like McDole", and find some way to display via power point, website, or MTV. It was also suggested that the teachers be surveyed for suggestions for daily themes for Spirit week.

Spirit Wear: Cheryl Wheatley reported that order forms for spirit wear will be handed out at the end of October with delivery expected 12/11 or 12/14. She reviewed some of the ideas for merchandise that will be available.

College Planning Night: \$50 was spent on this event. The PTO will need to revisit this event later in the year to determine if it will be held yearly by the PTO. Suggestions: hold College Planning night during conferences or during the spring open house to increase parent attendance.

School Directory: The directory is ready for print and will hopefully be ready for distribution in the next few weeks.

Teacher Conferences: The PTO will be providing a potato-bar themed dinner for all McDole teachers on Wed, 11/4/09.

New Business:

Sugar Grove Corn Boil: The planning committee for the Sugar Grove Corn Boil has requested that all groups that participate in Bingo also provide some volunteers and/or activities for Kidzone. It was suggested that the PTO offer kids' bingo with entry fee of one full-size candy bar. This issue was tabled until a later date.

Sugar Grove Holiday in the Grove: The planning committee for Holiday in the Grove requested a donation of \$178.00 for red paper, and \$84.00 for stamps to be used to solicit donations for this year's event. A donation of \$262.00 was approved by the PTO. Martne McCoy suggested that in upcoming years the PTO partner with the Chamber of Commerce for this event.

Character Counts: Mrs. Schulz requested that the PTO donate \$40.00 to purchase tulip bulbs for the 2nd graders to plant outside the school for school beautification. This motion was approved.

Holiday Parties: Jen Stoll reminded all of the teachers and parents that the PTO donates money for all holiday parties, and therefore, parents should not need to donate money to their students' classroom parties. Requests for donations of time and/or merchandise are acceptable.

The teachers in attendance at the meeting noted that gently used books are always welcome in the classrooms.

Mrs. Bornancin's AM class won the extra recess in honor of the most parent attendees at this month's meeting.

Next month's PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11/10/09 @ 7 PM at McDole-kids are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM and was followed by a parent inservice about "couponing".