



McDole Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes 11/10/09

Present: Robyn Lycan, Jen Stoll, Marguerite Ledone, Kathy Zoppa, Julie Walker, Martne McCoy, Paula Brynda, Tricia Wisner, Vikkie Moeller, Hollis Ory, Jenny Wold, Anne Olsen, Gabriela Vera, Cathy Slou, Christine McLean, Brenda Gonzales, J. R. Espino, Nicole Espino, Laura Somerlot.

Secretary report: The September and October minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Kathy Zoppa reviewed all expenses and income this year. She pointed out that the fundraiser raised \$9000.00 less than last year, and that overall income is down \$3600.00 compared to last year at this time. She also reported that the PTO has changed to Castle Bank.

Committee reports:

Fall Fundraiser: Income from this year's fall fundraiser was \$17370.87. Products will be distributed on 11/13/09. Let Kris Luedtke or Marguerite Ledone know if you can assist with product distribution. Kris Luedtke is already planning to chair the fundraiser committee for next year so please contact Kris with any suggestions for fundraiser ideas.

Family Fun Night: This year's 2nd Family Fun Night ("Freaky Friday") is scheduled for Friday, 11/13/09. Entertainment books and school spirit items will be available for purchase.

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear orders are due 11/20/09 and can be delivered discreetly if parents are wishing to give spirit wear as a gift this holiday season.

Entertainment Books: 65 Entertainment books have been sold at this time. If 100 books are sold the profit for the PTO will be double (\$8/book). Kathy Zoppa encouraged parents to purchase entertainment books. She will be extending sale of the books until 11/13/09.

Box Tops: A check for \$1105 will be coming in December '09 from box tops. Jen Stoll reminded everyone to clip and send their box tops in with their students.

Old Business:

Teacher Conference dinner: Teachers in attendance at the meeting thanked the PTO for the potato bar dinner during conferences. Marguerite Ledone thanked the parents who donated food and/or money for the dinner. Extra monetary donations will be applied to the teacher appreciation luncheon in the spring.

Holiday in the Grove: The PTO will be unable to provide funds to Holiday in the Grove as originally planned. The PTO's tax accountant recommended not providing funds to this event because it did not fit into the PTO bylaws. The organizers of the event did receive a Staples gift card from the PTO to use to purchase paper for flyers.

New Business:

4th Grade Springfield Trip: The 4th grade teachers requested a donation of \$2500.00 to use toward this year's Springfield trip. A break-down of expenses was provided with the request. The PTO approved \$1500.00 at this time.

Fundraising: Due to the lower-than expected income from the fall fundraiser, the PTO board is recommending an additional fundraiser be completed this year. Fundraiser ideas were discussed and it was decided to hold a Valentine's Day Dance on 2/5/10 with a planned cost of \$8/family or \$2/student or individual. The dance will include a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction of themed baskets from grades K-2. Another set of themed baskets from grades 3-5 will be available for auction at the spring open house. Marguerite will send out an email soliciting volunteers to help plan the dance and basket fundraisers.

Committee Chairs: A chairperson is still needed for Manna. Duties include creating the flyer to distribute to families, collecting money/orders, and ordering and distributing gift cards. Marguerite Ledone will send out an email soliciting a chairperson for Manna.

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, 12/8/09 @ 7 PM at the Sugar Grove Community House-kids are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.