

Jane Stenson PTA Meeting

March 8, 2011 7:00 pm

Present: Irene Akbari, Caryn Bean, Anzhela Bozhinova, Pazit Burstin, Joanne Fuller, Edie Hertel, Karen Koehler-Davis, Karmen Krause, Jason Malina, Lisa Malina, Sue O'Neil, Eva Rafas, Kim Savini, Allison Zidek

Welcome and meeting called to order by Allison Zidek

Minutes from 2/7/10 PTA meeting distributed

Motion to approve minutes: Edie Hertel, 2nd Eva Rafas, motion carries

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Malina (see report)

Notes – We actually made money on Family Game Night this year – cost of food was \$137 less than \$10/family. The store school income is greater than expenses due to high number of supplies ordered last budget year. Fall Book Fair – Scholastic is saying that we owe them more than we actually collected, we are still checking on that.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Jason Malina, 2nd: Karen Koehler-Davis, motion carries

Presidents Report – Allison Zidek

*Family Game Night was a huge success, we were running out of room. \$279 was collected for Stenson family who experienced a loss.

*McDonald's Night raised \$278 for family who experienced loss, plus \$60 cash given.

*Conference nights – please sign up for PTA table, will send sign up through email. Will have quiet childcare again both nights, will be selling leftover spirit wear.

*Board positions – *Do we want to want to change to 4 officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer) with 2 year terms, 2 term limit?*

-We currently have 9 officers (plus the principal).

-All other current officer positions could change to 1 year Chair positions (Ways & Means, Membership, Legislation, Room Parents, Parent Education) appointed by the President with no term limits.

-Devonshire has 4 positions, Highland is changing to 5

Motion: To present the following change to the bylaws for vote next month: The board positions will be President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary: Kim Savini, 2nd Jason Malina, motion carries

*The 4 district school PTAs are considering changing to a PTO within the next 2 years. You can look at PTO.org for information. This is one reason we are spending down our money

*Year-end gift to school and t-shirts next year will depend on Silent Auction results and what we want to leave for next year.

*Possible multi-district fundraiser – Dist 73.5 & Dist. 68 teaming up to do a "checkbook" to sell of local merchants with Go Booster. Now have more information- District 73.5 is getting them ready this spring to sell all summer. They committing to sell 750 and want us to commit to 250. Discussion: After they sell to Skokie all summer, we may not be able to sell many in the fall. Decision → No, not this year.

*Will look into World's Finest Chocolate and Marbles the Brain Store as other possible fundraisers. Maybe do Marbles the Brain Store during TV tune-out week.

*Fun Run will be Saturday May 21. Molly Montenaro has agreed to be the Stenson rep again this year. Highland is looking for someone else to host next year, or maybe do on a rotating basis between all 3 schools.

*Staff Appreciation Days and Parent/Staff Tea (5/24) – do we want to cut back and not have “tea”, instead invite everyone to final PTA meeting (Mon 5/2) for 5th grade parent appreciation and coffee/dessert? → YES

*PTA District meeting – Caryn Bean was our rep, it was poorly attended. IL PTA was offering their services and asked how they could help.

Committee Reports

Silent Auction – Jason Malina (& Scott Melnick): Going on now.

School Store – Eva Rafas: Received lists from teachers for prepacks, corresponding with Staples about prices. Flyers should be ready by mid-April. District will continue to supply same items as last year.

Book Fair – (Rebecca Schwer): Usbourne will be at spring conferences

Principal’s Report

* Stenson family who experienced a loss wishes to remain anonymous. Had a fundraiser with teachers who paid money to wear jeans. Family is working with ELL Center.

*ISATs are over, kids worked hard.

*7 kids were sent home today with head lice, primarily in 1st & 4th grade. Let school know if your kids have lice.

*The 5th grade classes started the year with 47 kids, since January have added 4, bringing the number above the threshold for adding another teacher. Will be adding a teacher’s assistant (hoping for certified teacher).

*District art show will be held at OOJH next Tuesday, March 15th.

*Garden Club is going well; they are narrowing down dates and plant selections

*The children in our ELL programs have done exceptionally well. One of our ELL Kindergartners, now in 4th grade wrote a story that will be featured on TV show “Green Screen Adventures”.

Other

Lisa Malina – Girl Scouts: Girl Scouts would like to volunteer to work in garden. Juniors will be selling cookies at Jewel the next 2 Sundays from 12:00 – 3:00.

Upcoming Events:

March 8-18 - Silent Auction

March 9 – 9:30 am Kindergarten Orientation

March 9 – 7:00 pm 2rd grade music program

March 15 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm Art Show at OOJH

March 15 – 7:30 pm 5th Grade Human Growth & Development Parent Night at Devonshire

March 15 – 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting

March 17 & 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 24 – Market Day Pickup

March 25-April 1 – NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

April 4 – Next PTA Meeting: Elections

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Karmen Krause, Secretary