

Jane Stenson PTA Meeting      September 13, 2011      7:00pm

Present: Sagit Adler, Matt Akbari, Priya Amin, Anzhela Bozhinova, Ana Bryant, Joanne Fuller, Worth Gowell, Debra Hatchett, Edie Hertel, Karen Koehler-Davis, Karmen Krause, Karen Lostaunau, Jason Malina, Lisa Malina, E Oyungerel, Nitel Patel, Julia Paulk, Val Premovic, Joanne Rogus, Gina Roxas, Kim Savini, Judith Velez, Suzie Vukic, Pia Yfantis, Allison Zidek

Welcome and meeting called to order by Worth Gowell.

Minutes from May 2011 PTA meeting were read and approved.

Motion to approve minutes: Lisa Malina, second Karen Koehler-Davis, motion carries

PTA 100 Dresses Thank You notes and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade party Thank You notes from student read

PTA thank you for Allison

Treasurers Report (Lisa Malina)

Despite projected budget shortfall, actual results were a profit of \$953 at the end of July 2011, after some tough decisions by PTA such as dropping the yearend gift.. Some monies from last year's activities will show up in this year's financial statements.

The PTA Audit was completed and finalized by Jason Malina and Edie Hertel and also signed by Karmen Krause.

In the past we had a pizza party for the class with the most members. This year, we propose changing that because kids don't really influence membership. We propose having the pizza party for the class who turn in the most Box Tops. The PTA gets 10 cents for each boxtop turned in. They're on a variety of products, including Avery products, Kleenex, General Mills cereals and product. Mrs. Fuller thought it would be OK to have teachers to collect within their classrooms. Idea in the meeting was to have teachers put a plug for the fund drive on their teacher blogs. President Gowell will follow up with Principal O'Neill and Chairperson Batio.

Innisbrook currently has a few orders (5) but usually people wait til the end Friday. There have been a lot of changes in the program this year, including additional products and a cut in our portion of the profit (from 50% to 40%). This year's budget will need to be adjusted to reflect this change in profit margin (as an expense). Request was made for Mrs Fuller to do an announcement about prizes and this is the last week.

Fun run income is recorded in Miscellaneous Income. Last year, the PTA gave a gift to Mr Jenkins. When he spends the money it will be recorded in short-term gift.

No longer have excess cash so no longer get interest income. Closed a money market account at State Farm.

The 2011-12 budget predicts a loss of \$7,000. This will be a leaner year, e.g., not as many gifts as last year and we will be looking for ways to save money. This year we bought folders and shirts for all students, in the future we'll alternate years. Short term gifts always included \$50 per teacher at the beginning of the year. Ms O'Neill suggested that we put students first so this year we're going to wait until the spring to see if we have the funds to provide that gift this year.

School store will be closing over time. The cabinet didn't pass inspection and we had some behavioral problems last year. However, we currently have about \$1800 in inventory. We will use the current inventory to keep the school store open until inventory is used up. We will not purchase any more supplies this year.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurers report by Allison Zidek and was passed on a second from Jason Malina.

A motion to approve the 2011-12 Budget, with the exception of Innisbrook change to 40%, was made by Karmen Krause and seconded by Kim Savini.

Report from the Membership Chair (Kim Savini)— Kim has not received membership information from the district office yet. Roughly 50 families so far. Barb Oshita is the contact for the student dues sign up and Kim has reached to her. Worth will follow up with PTA for our cards etc.

Pre-pack went well this year per Allison Zidek, in the absence of the Chair Eva Rafas. A motion was made to sign an agreement with the vendor for the upcoming year to get a 8% discount. Allison Zidek made the motion to sign the agreement with the current vendor, Karen Kohler-Davis seconded the motion.

The Room Parents chair (Anzhela Bozhinova) got an overwhelming response this year, with both experienced and new people volunteering. There now have been two room parents assigned for each classroom. A question was raised as to why there are only two room parents? Room parents coordinate not necessarily do everything so hopefully get others to help. Teachers choose who goes on field trips. Angela gives names of willing volunteers to teachers as well.

School store starts on Wednesday. Pia and Judy will start.

Market Days Small order in August Flyers now out hope it goes back up.

Mrs. Fuller gave a school update report in lieu of the Principal's report.

For most part, teachers were happy with parent turnout on curriculum night/open house. Childcare in LMC and more kids attended than expected. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been doing MAPS testing in reading and math. Library and computer lab hasn't started yet. AIMS lab used in fall, winter, spring for K and 1. They are being tested right now.

The school has been doing various drills including fire and take-cover drill. Tomorrow is the lockdown drill.

Had a nice ceremony at the flag pole last Friday called it Patriotic Day and in remembrance of 9/11 and had the kids wear red, white and blue and presented a police officer with a thank you card.

Have a new math program for K-5. Math in Focus also called Singapore math. There is a district presentation on the topic at OOJH on Sept. 27.

There was a school assembly that dealt with bullying in which two people role-played.

#### Other New Business

- The PTA is looking for a volunteer to be on the disciplinary committee.
- Calendars and directories – should they be paper or electronic? There will be a survey.
- Cultural Arts April District 68 will have a steel band perform at all the schools, they use re-purposed musical instruments and the kids get to participate. Dist 68 elem schools will have musical theater performances in November.
- Family Fun Night –Oct. 12 – considering either Mad Science because just a couple weeks before Science Fair at Stenson. They were here 4 years ago. 45-minute presentation and then do a slime activity for \$500. Dennis DeBondt comic magician \$475 was about 3 years ago. Presentation alone might be enough, without the slime. Anyone opposed to mad science? No.
- Girl Scouts started again at Jane Stenson. Last year had 40 girls enrolled. Most have renewed again this year. Have 3 levels: Juniors, Brownies, and Daisies. There is not currently Boy Scouts.
- International Night coming up in April. Prefer to have students perform to represent their culture.
- We need to elect a new Vice President, since the elected VP has moved away Notice of election was given. A nominating committee was convened including Allison Zidek, Karen Koehler-Davis and Irene Akbara (in absentia). Two candidates expressed interest in the position including Kim Savini and Ana Bryant.
- Right now, the teachers are working without a contract. Find out more by attending the Board of Ed meeting next Tuesday night. All the paid positions continue.
- Picture day is coming up on Wednesday. Mrs Becker is looking for PTA volunteers to help.
- There is an upcoming District 68 Restaurant Night at Poochies on Tues Sept 20.
- Mr. Ruth is coordinating Spirit Wear this year. Sales will begin at the end of September.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Allison Zidek and seconded by Lisa Malina.