

December 7, 2010

PTA Meeting Notes

Call to order: 7:03

Jen Sardeson made a motion to approve the 11/9/10 meeting notes; Jody Berg seconded. Motion carries uncontested.

Treasurers Report: Tessa reported that the expenses were down with Turkey Bingo this year and as a result, made more than last year. Last year's Turkey bingo made \$2459, this year \$2629. The expenses were held down in part due to not serving pizza this year. The margins were much better with hot dogs and nachos/nachos supreme. There are lots of paper cards left, we will have many for years to come. We could look at selling/renting the bingo cards we currently have and should move them and store them in the shed. Jen Sardeson motioned approval of the Treasurer's Report and Jody Berg seconded. The motion carried uncontested.

There is no unfinished business.

Turkey Bingo: As mentioned, the Turkey bingo made more this year than last. The paper cards and better margins on concessions helped make the difference. There were lots of people this year; hard to tell if there were more than last year. Unattended children continue to be a problem. Some were over in the abandoned house and took items. It was suggested that we talk to Deputy Chris about hiring reserves through the Anoka County Sheriff's office for next year.

Parent's Night Out: We are going to offer crafts (pine bough swags and pine cone bird feeders) as well as a movie (Santa Paws), volleyball and jail break. There will be no DDR this year. We are going to serve hot dogs, chips and fruit punch. The expenses should be minimal. Mr. Martin is going to email the flyer by means of constant contact to help with attendance.

Family Fun Night: Math and Science night will be hosted again this year by Kathy Dow, Mary Tenjack and Tessa Abrahamson. Tessa will set it up and will mention it at Tuesday's staff meeting.

Polar Plunge: We need to set up a team; Tessa will set it up and mention this at Tuesday's staff meeting. We need to decide what this fun raiser will fund. Study Island costs \$4200 a year; we need a licensed tech to help us with a MCA test and find out which students are just in a margin under what we need them to be. We need to hire teachers and pay them hourly to help us with this. We need to change our perspectives on how we fund our programs. It was mentioned that instead of the PTA funding the busing for the field trips, that instead the money be used to fund Study Island. Study Island is paid through 6/30/11. We will need to decide what to do about busing/Study Island before 5/11 (PTA budget meeting) and what Polar Plunge proceeds are to go to soon. How are we going to promote Polar Plunge this year? Individual class rewards worked well last year; ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, cookies. Jen offered to make the signs again this year. We will need to start Friday folder information at least by the second week in January. It was mentioned that another idea for the use of Polar Plunge proceeds could be accelerated reader program that would benefit the whole school. Lyceums were another suggestion.

The Carnival is coming up in March. There were four people who signed up to be on the Carnival Committee. In January, Tami will call the people who signed up and get them started with the planning process. Kelly Steuernagle has great ideas and connections to Taymark and we may utilize her for prizes instead of going through Oriental Trading.

New Business:

School Dance will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Box tops and labels: Girl Scouts will help Jen out again this year.

Good Search: We just received a \$56 check from good search. This has been a pain free fundraiser.

Food perspectives: Once signed up, a person may be called to try out products for this company. The school would get paid (\$10) each time a participant tries a product. Kids can participate with parent's permission.

Mr. Martin:

We will be out of school from 12/23/10 until 1/3/11. NWEA testing will begin for grades K-6 on 1/5/11. There is no school on 1/17/11. The school forest medallion hunt will begin on 2/14/11. Clues will be coming out and posted at school and at the town hall. Linwood has had a great fall. There have been very well behaved students this year, discipline is down. Kids are held accountable for their behavior; we should all be proud of the kids. Students in the middle have seen increased growth for achievement this year; for AYP we got off for special education. Some reasons why: Reallocation of funds- RTI is the response to intervention. This program assists students so they are not special education students down the road. ADSIS is a great intervention tool; Heidi Leigh is instructor. SES is Supplemental Education Services, which once you are on AYP makes you offer open enrollment, or school choice. You can get supplemental tutoring for your child free of charge, if you are on free or reduced lunch. A letter went out to all students at Linwood. There are three companies that are providing this service. 18 families are taking advantage of this opportunity. Have a great holiday season. Kindergarten round up is 2/18/11.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29. Next meeting 1/11/11 at 7pm in the Media Center.

Those in attendance: Bill Bresin, Mr. Martin, Monica and Chris Wert, Kelly Steuernagle, Jen Sardeson, Tami Halliday, Jody Berg, Tessa Abrahamson, Molly Schoessow.