

## April 12, 2011 PTA Minutes

7:03 Meeting Started

Tessa made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Raquel seconded the motion. Motion carried uncontested.

Treasurer's Report: We made \$5029.11 at this year's carnival. Our estimated profit was \$4500, so we did considerably more than that. We needed to buy additional checks for the checkbook, and that cost was \$90.75. We will take that out of the PTA business. Book fair members wrote book fair on the checks for deposit and that made it considerably easier to balance the checkbook and keep deposits straight.

No unfinished business.

Book fair: Teachers will know the profits soon. We are going to manage the Spring profits differently than in the past.

Carnival: Posters were good for the cake walk. No one went into the haunted house this year. Deputy Fahey chased a few middle school aged children around; we will need a reserve for next year.

All School Dance: 6/3. The band may be featured this year. Amy Paape will run the music. Mr. Martin requests Stairway to Heaven.

New Business: End of the year celebration- we have tattoos and games will be used by Mrs. Guzy.

Staff Appreciation: May 2-6. Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a lunch for the staff hosted by Famous Dave's. Amy Paape will run, Molly has coordinated. The rundown of yummy treats is as follows: Monday-Molly, Tuesday-Shelly, Wednesday-Michelle, Thursday-Kelly and Friday-Jody. Notes will go home with the students so that they may fill out something special about their teacher for this week.

5/13 Family fun night- May be in the school forest or sports night. It will be from 6-8.

Food Perspectives- Tessa signed up for food perspectives. We as individuals can sign up as a food tester. You will be emailed for food testing. A minimum of 25 people have to be signed up for us to earn a profit for the school.

Proposed budget- Science fair night- we should put in \$200 for future science fair nights. We should bump up the end of the year celebrations from \$300 to \$500. For this year's science fair, we have some students and a teacher from another school who are willing to come in and volunteer. We proposed to give the teacher a \$25 gift certificate and \$5 gift certificate to each student. This shall not exceed \$100. Tessa made a motion to approve this, Jody seconded, motion carried uncontested.

Proposed meeting and event dates:

The carnival goes well on Fridays, as compared to Saturdays. We get a lot more teacher help on Fridays and have better turnouts from the school body as well.

Jen will continue to do box tops and conference meals, Raquel will continue to do tool boxes. We do need people to chair the carnival and turkey bingo.

The Treasurer's spot is a two year commitment. This year Tessa Abrahamson is not sure whether she will be back in the Fall. We will need a pinch hitter if that should take place. Mrs. Dow said she would help in that capacity if need be. The President nominees so far include Chris Wert. The secretary nominees so far include Nicole Stoltzman.

#### Principal's Report:

Legislative Action Coalition Meeting is on 5-9 from 6:30-9pm. They are looking to take 1 million dollars out of the fund balance, we do not know what the strategy is for this Fall as far as the levy is concerned. If they ask for the levy to be simply continued, there would be no property tax increase from this year to next.

There was discussion about the busing that the PTA funds. The staff had mentioned that if we provided busing on a per pupil basis instead of a per class basis it would be more effective as class sizes vary.

5<sup>th</sup> grade Science MCA this week. The schedule of MCA testing went out last week to every home. MCA prep classes pick out a handful of kids and find out what their needs are. Here the teachers try to increase the individual child's skills. Many of the teachers working in this capacity are former Linwood teachers who have retired.

AYP-We are on it now, but these kids have really come far. Huge amounts of growth have been seen. The state's expectations have gone up and so have our kids. We are hoping that our 4 ADSIS teachers will increase to 8.5 teachers next year. These teachers are funded by the special education program from the state of MN.

The fundraiser ends on Friday.

Parent input forms are due this week.

K-1-3 are planting trees for Arbor day.

Movie day- 99.5% of the student body will get to see a movie of their choice; there will be 15 movies going on in each room that day. Some of the students whose behavior has been poor will be seeing a movie about an autistic child who gets bullied with Mr. Martin.

End of the year bike giveaway for the Pride program will be purchased using Target money by Mr. Martin this year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34pm.

Those in attendance: Michelle Steele, Shelly Harris, Nicole Stoltzman, Kelly Steuernagel, Heidi Leigh, Raquel Berg, Kathy Dow, Chris Wert, Jody Berg, Tessa Abrahamson, Tami Halliday, Roche Martin and Molly Schoessow.