

PTA Meeting

February 4, 2009

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

- Introduction of the PTA board members.
- Introduction of persons in attendance at the meeting.
- Recording Secretary/eScrip Coordinator (Cheri Blenniss): There are a total of 61 families enrolled in the eScrip Dominick's Fresh Values Card program. Twelve families have signed up since the beginning of this year. The PTA is hoping to reach a goal of 200 families enrolled by the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- Treasurer (Amy Martin): Total expenses \$13,635.87. Total deposits \$4,697.29. Current balance \$49,931.47.
- Primary Vice President (Annie Schladt): Thank you card received for Danny Orleans the Magician assembly. Children enjoyed the magic show.
- Elementary East Vice President (Michelle Klemz): Thank you card received from Ann Aldrich for the books she was able to purchase from the money received from the Barnes & Noble fundraiser event.
- Elementary West Vice President (Rhonda Nitto): No report.
- Intermediate School Vice President (Lisa Gjelsten): No report.
- Middle School Vice President (Patti Shanders): No report.
- President (Polly Hergenreder): \$186.30 was given to each school from the Market Day profit. Met with Dr. Joy Swoboda regarding the distribution of the Library Fund. Questioned changing the Library Fund to a Fine Arts Fund in which the money distributed to each school would be given to the principals instead of the librarians. Then it would be up to the discretion of the principals to decide how to allocate the Fine Arts Fund to the library, gym, art, computer, and music departments. Opened the idea for discussion. Elementary East representative stated that their librarian does use the Library Fund to purchase books the children have requested. Primary representative embraced the idea of changing the Library Fund to a Fine Arts Fund. Primary's administration has been talking about new events to bring to the school that would include the students and parents. Polly stated that the idea of changing the fund could be a trial to see if it accommodates everyone. Middle School Principal, Scott Snyder, embraced the idea of changing the fund. He agreed that it would be nice to supplement the other departments. Elementary West representative stated that the Fine Arts Fund would assist the music department in purchasing new risers. There was a question if the librarians could control the Fine Arts Fund and not the principals. The librarians could take what they needed and distribute the remaining money to the different departments. Polly stated that if the Library Fund is changed to a Fine Arts Fund, then the money would go directly to the principals. The next meeting will be a general meeting which will include an open forum for the candidates running for School Board. There will be a moderator from the League of Women Voters. Polly requested to purchase a \$25 gift certificate to Borders to be given to the moderator from the League of Women Voters for her travel and participation. Annie Schladt moved to give approval for the PTA to purchase a \$25 gift certificate to Borders. Kerry Winston seconds the motion. The motion was made and carried. Polly requested to purchase a digital camera to take pictures at the various PTA events for the purpose of displaying the photographs in the newly purchased display case at the Educational Support Center. It was questioned if displaying photographs are different than publishing them. No one knew the answer at this time. Suggestion was made as a safety precaution to not take pictures and display them of the children. Polly decided to withdraw the request for the PTA to purchase a digital camera. At the last meeting we discussed Rev Trac. The PTA has signed with Rev Trac. Spirit Wear will be tested online to see if it is a successful program. Hoping to get the program started in the spring. The first daytime PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the Educational Support Center at 9:30am. Child care will be provided. Polly submitted the idea for a new fundraiser to create a cookbook to sale. Profit is approximately \$4 per book. Recipes would be supplied by staff and children. Primary did a staff cookbook to the staff as a gift right before Winter Break and it was a success. Further details regarding creating the cookbook will be given at a future PTA meeting. Polly suggested the idea of having a Family Game Night or Family Movie Night to kick off the 2009-2010 school year in late summer. If Family Game Night is chosen, then games would be used from the Winter Wonderland and/or parents could bring in their own games. Rhonda Nitto can get a movie screen and set it up in one of the school's parking lots if Family Movie Night is chosen. Rhonda will need to check into licensing in order to show the movie of choice. There are left over PTA calendars if anyone is interested in taking one.
- Elementary East and Elementary West Vice Principal (Vicki Kieffer): Thanked the PTA for the Mad Science assembly.
- Primary Assistant Principal (Stacy Anderson): Thanked the PTA for Danny Orleans the Magician assembly. David Stokes will be coming back as the Frog Guy. Thanked the PTA for all that they do.
- Intermediate School Principal (Dr. Kent Ashton): Resident poet came to discuss rhythm and rhyme in large assembly groups and then in individual sessions with classrooms. It was a well received assembly and enjoyed by the children.
- Middle School Principal (Scott Snyder): Since winter break there have had two cultural arts programs. One was an actress who came dressed in character and performed for the children by acting out a story. The second program was the Chicago Acrobatic Team performed for both 7th and 8th grades.

- Middle School Book Fair (Polly Hergenreder): Bonnie Schultz had a volunteer sign-up sheet passed around during the PTA meeting.
- Food Fundraiser (Lisa Strauss): Scheduled a fundraiser March 25th from 3-9pm at Chuck E. Cheese in Gurnee. The event targets children in Primary, Elementary East and Elementary West. The PTA will receive 15% of the profits. No coupon voucher needed. Families will have to tell the cashier they are from Woodland School District in order for the PTA to receive credit for the sales. Stickers will be distributed at the schools to the children for 10 free tokens. Any staff member wearing their Woodland name badge will receive either a free personal pan pizza or a trip to the salad bar. Lisa is checking to see if Chuck E. Cheese can come to the different schools to advertise the event. Gift cards purchased the day of the event will not count towards PTA's 15% profit. It was suggested that future Culver's fundraiser nights be a two night event and include the Gurnee and Grayslake locations to accommodate families living in both areas.
- Fun Fair (Polly Hergenreder): Volunteer sign-up sheet created by Tricia Elkinton was passed around during the meeting.
- Market Day (Celeste Brown): There will be no taste testing in the spring for the teachers and staff. PTA will receive a \$250 gift card from Barnes and Noble if the sales exceed \$8300.00 for the month of February. The PTA will receive 35% profit from the sales of any Uno Pizzeria pizza sales for the month of April. Frozen pizzas will be delivered with the scheduled Market Day sales.
- School Supplies (Cara McFeggan): Is waiting for the count of the number of students for the 2009-2010 school year from the principals. Coding is going to be different this year according to the different schools. Ordering online will take a couple of different steps. Order sheets will be given out in April and orders will be due in May. Ordering online will continue through June 15, 2009. No refunds will be offered. If the school supply pack is ordered, then the pack will be received but no refund will be honored. The PTA will not be responsible for school supply packs not picked up by August. Working with a company that does not require prepayment. PTA earns approximately \$17,000.00 from school supply pack sales.
- Spirit Wear Eco Friendly Shirt Contest (Kim Stams): Has the idea of creating a t-shirt contest, but she is concerned that it might be too big of a task to initiate. Have the children create an eco friendly t-shirt design. Questioned having the principals or staff vote for the winning design. Guidelines would be established for the contest. Thinking of having only black and white drawings submitted. Trying to keep the contest idea fun. Patti Shanders suggested having this become an annual contest marked with the year on the t-shirt. It was also mentioned that having the children involved in the process would make the contest more memorable.
- Middle School Sports Spectacular (Terry Stubbing): No report. Asked several general questions regarding the event. It is not a PTA sponsored event, but the PTA does supply money to purchase t-shirts.
- Elementary East Representative (Kerry Winston): Is preparing to bake for the Fun Fair.
- Intermediate School Representative (Joe Rejczyk): Nestle water bottle labels have been well received by the students. Collection boxes are located at each gymnasium for the students to drop off their labels. Hoops for Heart is going on currently.
- Middle School Representative (Johanna Osharow): No report.
- New Business (Cathy Bohren): The State PTA Conference will be held March 12-15, 2009. Bruce Bohren will be running for President Elect on the Illinois PTA Board. If anyone is interested in attending, then it is a covered PTA expense.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.