

Oregon PTO Meeting

October 5, 2004

6:30 P.M.

Minutes

Attendance: Kris Pearson, Donna Prew, Peggy Bakken, Teri Mills, Cathy Kooistra, Amy Hermus, Mary Jo Romero, Debbie Fischer, Katie Grady, Tanya Kakuske, Patty Tucker, Kristi Heming, Katie Lindell, Elizabeth Sailor, Bonnie Rosenmeier, Sandy Knobel, Mike Bjerke, Michelle Lawry, Kitty Haas, Sheryl Clayton, Sandy O'Malley, Kimberly Mullenberg, Wendy Galloway, Amy Miller, Carrie Janes, Lynda Barrows, and Tami Meier.

Secretary Report

Correction to September Minutes: Donna Prew noted that \$12,000 from the 2003-04 budget was *in excess* and not accounted for by outstanding bills as reported. The money has been moved to the PTO's carryover account. Janine made a motion to approve the corrected September Minutes; Kristi seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Donna Prew reported the following:

- Book Fair expense and profit totals are not yet final;
- Cookbook sales continue to trickle in; 35-40 books remain available for purchase;
- NKE spent the \$2,640 cash reserve allocated last spring (note – the funds were not taken from the Reading Incentive program as planned last year because it would have depleted the account for this year);
- Cash moved to a CD is earning 2.2% instead of 1% in the old money market account;
- Total assets are about \$60,000;
- A limited number of Oregon Panther t-shirts and sweatshirts are still available for purchase;
- Kemps distributes its milk cap money the third week of September, but the PTO has not yet received it.

Kristi Heming made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Amy Hermus seconded. Approved.

New Business

Spring Bike Rodeo: NKE second grade teacher, Lynda Barrows, attended to discuss the possibility of the PTO funding a bike rodeo. The event would focus on bike safety for 2nd and 3rd graders at PVE and NKE. Officer Gerald Pehler would assist with the program. Kris Pearson made a motion to allocate \$1,500 for the bike camp in the spring. Amy Hermus seconded. Approved.

PTO Sign: Donna Prew proposed the PTO purchase a permanent sign to promote events. She suggested holding a special fund raiser to purchase a sign from Fitchburg business Sign 1-1 for \$4,200. She asked about putting a sign in front of the Red Brick building,

but the school district is considering selling the property. The group talked about the free publicity options available to the PTO (Chamber of Commerce signs, hand-made signs, the Oregon Observer, Cable Channel WOW); Deb Fischer suggested having an OHS class build signs for the PTO. Teri Mills discussed district-wide communication ideas, including possible mass email to parents and pop-up notices on the district web site. Kris Pearson tabled the discussion until the 2005-06 budget discussions in April.

NKE School Play: Teri Mills requested an additional \$200 above the \$500 budget for the NKE School Play scheduled for March 2005. Kris Pearson made a motion to approve \$200 from Staff Requests; Janine seconded. Approved.

Fund Raising

Fall Fund Raiser: Kristi Heming and Patty Tucker reported that 380 families participated in the fall fund raiser and sold \$51,183.50 worth of products. The PTO will receive approximately 50 percent of that. They feel the sale was especially successful for three reasons: the kick-off assembly; each child received a small prize for selling; and the sale started immediately, giving us a jump-start on other fall fund raisers. They thanked the staff at PVE and NKE for their help with the sale. The fund raiser pick-up date is Saturday, November 6.

Fall Extravaganza: Scheduled for Saturday, November 13 in the PVE big gym. The PTO will earn \$20 for each of the approximately 25 vendors selling products.

Brooklyn pie sale: Donna Prew was approached by the Brooklyn Elementary PTO to see if we'd be interested in a joint sale. As part of their Market Days fund raiser, BKE sells pies, and the greater the quantity sold, the higher rate of return. Kris Pearson said the decision should be left up to the Fund Raising chairs. If they decide to participate, they need to get District approval from Linda Barrows.

Sale Suggestions: A parent in the group suggested selling Krispy Kreme donuts as a fund raiser. Former fund raising chair Amy Hermus said the district limits overlapping sales, and unfortunately, groups at OHS already sell Krispy Kremes. Katie Lindell mentioned Chucky Cheese's "Fun Into Family" Night fund raiser; 10 percent of sales for one night would go to our organization. The information was given to the Fund Raising chairs.

Family Fun Night

The Barn Dance at Eugster's farm will be held October 22 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Eugster's is charging \$6 per person and will wristband everyone who attends. Amy Hermus estimates that 450 will attend; the wristbands will give us an exact count, which will be very helpful for planning future events. Even if more than 450 people attend, Eugster's will not charge the PTO more than \$3,000. The band costs \$600. Families will be asked to contribute \$5 at the door. In addition to dancing, families can enjoy the petting zoo, corn maze, puppet show, pumpkin patch, and a bonfire. Food will be available for purchase. Amy made a special request for volunteers to monitor people's safety at the bonfire.

Social

Mary Jo Romero reported that Social is planning a teacher potluck on Thursday November 18, the only night that both schools are holding parent teacher conferences.

Publicity

Katie Grady is working with Mike Kiffel to promote the PTO web site. Mike is adding an email address for people to provide feedback to PTO committee chairs and board members.

Art in the Classroom

At PVE, no volunteers signed up to help with this program. If anyone is interested, please contact Jo Temte at 835-5688.

Artist in Residence

Due to the popularity of 2003-04 Artist in Residence Susan Hulsether, PVE has asked her to return this year. Cathy Kooistra said the dance instructor will work with children December 6-9, with family night on December 9.

Art Fair

Maria Katsaros-Molzahn offered to lead the Art Fair this year, and another parent from NKE offered to co-chair the event.

Assemblies

Amy Hermus and Mary Jo Romero announced a tentative schedule for 2004-05.

November 1: Robotics

December 13: Mexican Dancers

January: A cappella singing group Mad Hatters or BC3

March: WisconSing folk singer David Drake

April: Yo-Yo World (performs free if yo-yos are made available for purchase for several days after the assembly; PTO would receive 10% of sales)

May 17: Novel Ideas

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

*****Please Note:** *Due to the Presidential Elections on Tuesday, November 2, the November PTO Meeting has been moved to November 9.****

Next Meeting: November 9, 2004

For October school newsletters:

Notice about t-shirts and sweatshirts available to purchase.

November meeting moved to the 9th