

Oregon PTO Meeting

November 1, 2005

Minutes

Attendance Meeting: Peggy Bakken, Jeannine Zimmershied, Therese Sessler, Lisa Klade, Courtney Odorico, Jenny Barmore, Sherry Jordan, Jane Killerlain, Sarah Updike, Kathy Byron, Debbie Fischer, Kelly Yapp, Carrie Janes, Cathy Kooistra, Mike Kiffel, Patty Tucker, Lisa Steil, Mary Lynn Kessenich, Michele Cunningham, Susan Byrns, Kristi Heming, Amy Hermus, Teri Mills, Beth Sailor, Kara Schaller, Donna Prew, Mary Jo Romero

Secretary's Report

No corrections. Courtney Odorico made a motion to approve, seconded by Patty Tucker.

Approved

Treasurer's Report

Donna Prew submitted a written report. Fund raising cash donations to date total \$375. A check for \$216 was received from Kemps. Milk Moola is the only milk cap program still pending. The money in the CD that is maturing this month will be rolled into the May CD that has a higher rate of return. Susan Byrns asked for clarification regarding funding for the author visit. The \$1000 will come out of staff requests. Kristi Heming made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Amy Hermus seconded.

Approved.

Committee Reports

Art Fair

The Art Fair will be on the Saturday of Fine Arts Week, April 22, 3:00 – 6:00 P.M.. Courtney Odorico will schedule a planning meeting in January. She is also researching the purchase of a button-making machine. After discussion, the location of the fair was changed to Prairie View for this year.

Fund Raising

Pick up this Saturday, Nov. 5 from 7:30-10. Shifts for volunteers are 5-7 (unload /set-up), 7-9, and 9-11. Profits for this year were about \$22,000. It was decided that PTO does not need to organize anymore fundraisers this school year. New fund raising ideas were discussed for next year. Therese Sessler suggested soup mixes or gift baskets. The option of moving the fundraiser from the start of the school year to late fall was also suggested. These ideas will be on the January agenda.

Patty Tucker has purchased (\$10) a POG (door access security card) for PTO. This card needs to be activated through the district office each time it will be used.

Science Fair

Amy Hermus reported for Nicolette Timberlake that the fair will be Saturday March 18 from 1:30- 4:00 P.M. at Prairie View.

Operation Joy

The date is December 15 2:30 – 6:00 P.M. and it is open to all families that qualify for the Food Pantry. Kristi Heming reported that the drop off dates for winter outerwear and boots is November 14 – 28. Gifts can be dropped off from November 14 – December 12. Patty Fitzgerald and her family are decorating the collection boxes. On December 16, teachers can choose from the remaining toys and books for their classrooms. Kristi will donate the rest to East Madison Family Clinic and Toys for Tots.

Publicity

Mike Kiffel has compiled data summarizing the usage of the PTO web site. Example, there were 9,967 hits between 8/1 – 10/31. Teachers were reminded that the PTO site is available for them to post information.

Assemblies

The MadHatters workshop for the chorus boys was discussed. Teri Mills suggested that the Choral Boosters be contacted about donating the \$200 fee. It was decided that this fee would not be covered by the assembly budget because only 40 boys will be participating. The Alliant Energy assembly arrangements are still in progress.

Old Business

Amy Miller wants to keep the NINA Fun Run in March. This date is already set and there are other groups who cover fund raising during the fall months.

Andy Weiland is in the process of preparing a written audit report. He stated that the books look better than most.

Mike Kiffel reported that the cost of the playground map templates would be \$300. Paint would be an additional expense. This is too expensive. Tom Fischer usually repaints them every two years if a request is made. Cathy Kooistra will call him for the map near PVE.

New Business

Kathy Byron and the NKE teachers submitted a PTO funding application for \$5200 to purchase a leveled book collection for K-3 grade. The collection would include 6 copies of each book at 16 reading levels. These books would be selected from various reading programs. Teri Mills is applying for a grant from the Oregon Education Foundation or school board to cover the cost beyond what PTO approves. Teri proposed start up funds of \$2000 from PTO at this time. Additional funds will be requested for bookshelves and storage materials. Donna Prew suggested taking money from the NKE reading incentive program and performing arts budget. Courtney Odorico made a motion to take \$2000 from NKE staff requests. Patty Tucker seconded. Approved.

Cathy Kooistra talked with the teachers and Susan Byrns about enhancing the PVE's current leveled book collection. Information will be presented at a future meeting.

Therese Sessler spoke on behalf of the PVE kindergarten teachers requesting \$500. The funds will be used to improve the area where various shared items are stored. The money will cover shelving and organizational materials. Patty Tucker made a motion to approve. Amy Hermus seconded. Approved.

Cathy Kooistra presented an AODA / alcohol and drug information pamphlet that is primarily directed at students and parents in 5th to 12th grade. An Oregon specific version of this pamphlet is being developed that would be available to all families. In support of this effort, Cathy requested that PTO donate \$100 to help with the printing. Patty Tucker offered that Kelty Best is available to do printing for a reasonable price. Amy Hermus made a motion to take \$50 from staff request for each school. Beth Sailor seconded. Approved.

Amy Hermus would like PTO to purchase a drug awareness poster board similar to one that is in the PVE art room.

PVE climbing wall arrived today.

Donna Wright would like to sell children's size Oregon Panther sweats from the high school store during the fundraiser pick up this Saturday. The sweats will also be available on the conference nights at both schools.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 P.M.

Next Meeting: January 3, 6:30 P.M.