

Oregon PTO Meeting

November 7, 2006

Minutes

Attendance: Amy Hermus, Beth Sailor, Anne Weiland, Mary Lynn Kessenich, Cathy Kooistra, Marilyn Murphy, Sherry Jordan, Carrie Janes, Christine Ding, Therese Sessler, Melissa Murphy, Katie Lindell, Peggy Bakken, Mary Jo Romero

Secretary's Report

There were no corrections. Anne Weiland made a motion to approve, seconded by Carrie Janes. Approved

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lynn Kessenich presented a written report. A letter was received from the IRS regarding our 501c3 request. They need the amended articles of incorporation for PTO. According to the attorney that was working on this matter, the articles have already been amended and were supposed to have been sent more than a year ago. However, the IRS claims that they never received them. Mary Lynn has spoken with the IRS contact person and the deadline for submission has been extended to December 1st. Andy Weiland audited the PTO books. He made recommendations for future bookkeeping methods. Cathy Kooistra made a motion to approve, seconded by Katie Lindell. Approved

Staff Requests

Therese Sessler requested \$105 to cover the bus expense for her half-day kindergarten to go on a field trip in May. They have previously gone with the full day classes but this was a very long day for her students. She had funds to cover the fall field trip but she didn't include the spring trip in her budget calculations. Amy Hermus made a motion to approve and Anne Weiland seconded. Approved

Committee Reports

Family Fun Night

Amy Hermus reported that Carol Eugster never responded to the comments made in PTO emails regarding the bill discrepancy. The last bill remains unpaid. Carol Eugster told Amy that we have a right not to pay but that she has always lost money in the past on our events. There was discussion about jeopardizing any future relationship. Carrie Janes made a motion to pay the additional \$745.20. Katie Lindell seconded. Vote: 7 – YES / 2 – NO. Mary Lynn will pay the bill. The decision was made not to schedule in January 2007 for a fall event at Eugster's.

Fund Raising

Peggy Bakken reported that the fall fund raiser netted \$7900, which represents a 60% sale profit. The following issues and options were discussed. Perhaps Geckler selections are old news and people aren't interested anymore. There was no frozen food offered which is usually a successful selling item. There was not a wide enough variety of product options available. The information fliers came home from school at different times or didn't make it home at all. The timing of the sale overlapped with many others in the community. Amy Hermus suggested that PTO needs to find a niche product like popcorn to boy scouts or cookies to girl scouts. Others, Chuckie Cheese night, Oregon money card, \$5 tickets to shop at the mall.

Social

Katie Lindel informed us that the teacher conference dinner would be on Thursday Nov. 16.

Operation Joy

The collection boxes are in place and the signs are up on the front doors of both schools.

Publicity

Mike Kiffel requests that he is informed of new information or any updates that are needed on the PTO website, mtkiff@charter.net. Information about making cash donations could be put on the site. The question of receipts for tax purposes was raised. Amy Hermus will check with Patty Tucker about the printing of these receipt forms.

Old Business

Under treasurer's report.

New Business

Marilyn Murphy inquired about the possibility of PTO paying to repair the poster maker, which doesn't laminate anymore. She will check on the cost and the status of a maintenance contract. Cathy Kooistra will also talk to Nancy Outhouse. Sherry Jordan thanked PTO for the funds to purchase the math software. The program is working out well for both students and teachers. There will be an Internet safety course at RCI on November 30. Amy Hermus said that it is open to 25 parents. If it is well attended the course will be offered for both parents and kids. Julie Wood is offering a computer and video game awareness course through the COOP.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.

Next Meeting: January 2, 6:30 P.M.