

Oregon PTO Meeting

October 3, 2006

Minutes

Attendance: Amy Hermus, Beth Sailor, Kristi Heming, Patty Tucker, Sandy Knobel, Anne Weiland, Mary Lynn Kessenich, Cathy Kooistra, Marilyn Murphy, Whitney Matthews, Melissa Murphy, Debbie Fischer, Kathy Urbanowicz, Peggy Bakken, Mary Jo Romero

Secretary's Report

There were no corrections. Kristi Heming made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy Hermus.
Approved

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lynn Kessenich presented a written report. She informed us that any activity after the 27th of the month would be on the report for the next month's meeting. The CD for \$5510.19 matured on 9/29 and was rolled into the PYF account. Cathy Kooistra made a motion to approve, seconded by Patty Tucker.
Approved

Staff Requests

Debbie Fischer is a 2nd grade teacher at Netherwood Knoll and she is requesting \$180 to cover the cost of field trip transportation for three 2nd grade classes and one 3rd grade class. They will be taking a free tour of St. Mary's hospital and participate in related medical activities, on November 1 and 8. This trip ties in with the healthy body science unit and the school wellness initiative. Cathy Kooistra was not aware of this program. Patty Tucker will inquire about the possibility of Prairie View applying in the future. Amy Hermus made a motion to approve and Anne Weiland seconded. Approved

Committee Reports

Family Fun Night

Amy Hermus reported that 608 wristbands were given out at the Eugster's barn dance event. The contract with Eugster's was for \$3000 (\$6 per person with guaranteed 500 attending) with a booking deposit of \$250. The balance would be \$2750. The cost for the band was \$600. Donations of about \$750 were collected at the parking lot and barn entrances. Marilyn Murphy commented that the two sites were confusing. Also, many people arrived before the donation containers were made available.

Eugster's has lost money providing food for our events in the past, so PTO arranged with Steve Vargas to serve Quizno's subs, cookies, chips and soda. Note, as a thank you to Steve Vargas for all the effort he put into providing the food for this event, Amy has purchased him a \$25 Kwik Trip gift card. Steve suggested that the extra subs be donated so that PTO would not have to pay for them. They were taken to the homeless shelter in downtown Madison after the dance. Amy feels that the profits from the food sales were not as good as expected because the price for the subs should have been set higher or the size of the subs should have been smaller for the price we charged.

Eugster's \$3200 bill, marked final payment, was paid. This included the remaining \$2750 plus \$450 for a 15% gratuity for food and beverage service. A second bill for \$750 arrived, which charged for the 108 people over 500 and the additional 15% for this amount. There was discussion about whether PTO should dispute this second bill. Patty Tucker was concerned about repercussions for future use of their facilities. Anne Weiland had a question about charging admission versus collecting donations.

Peggy Bakken wanted it noted that this event had to be approved and booked in January. The budget proposed in May was not adjusted to include this commitment therefore Family Fun Night is significantly over budget at this time.

Volunteers

Many parents have returned the survey forms. The majority of people want to help with social, family fun nights, operation joy and the book fairs.

Assemblies

Mary Jo Romero reported that Bob Kann is scheduled to present "No More Bullying" on October 10. Dr. Kann listed Stoner Prairie Elementary as a reference contact and she is waiting to receive a call from their principal. Marilyn Murphy is a friend of hers so she will call her to get the information. Amy Hermus is making arrangements with Professor Numbers for a math-based presentation in November. She has also scheduled Novel Ideas for May 3. Mary Jo is working to arrange a Dr. Shakashiri chemistry show in January and a MadHatters concert and chorus workshop for March.

Publicity

Dawn Baker has taken a full time job so she is no longer able to work on this committee. PTO needs a volunteer to take on this chair position. A request for pictures from school events will be put in the school newsletters

NINA Fun Run

Peggy Bakken reported that Amy Miller would be coordinating the run again. Patty Tucker will contact her regarding the date. Amy needs to pass this responsibility to someone for next year.

Old Business

The 2005-2006 books need to be audited. Peggy Bakken will contact Andy Weiland and hopefully he will be available to review the PTO finances again this year. Mary Lynn has the files and binders of information prepared.

New Business

Cathy Kooistra is the co-chair of the school district task force that is working to implement the federally mandated wellness policies directed at the issue of childhood obesity. The new guidelines will go into effect in 2007-2008. It will require that food products sold as part of a fundraiser be approved by the school board to ensure that they meet nutritional standards. Cathy needs parent involvement and was requesting a PTO representative to sit on the committee and report back to PTO. Melissa Murphy volunteered.

Kristi Heming reported that a \$20 PTO donation might have been included in the Scholastic book fair cash bag. Marilyn will contact Heather Newton about this.

Paul Ganshert has volunteered to provide landscaping ideas and services to improve the Netherwood arboretum. Marilyn Murphy is looking for volunteer parents to work on a Saturday, removing trimmings and hauling sand and gravel into the arboretum.

A painting bill was received for \$75 per playground states map.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: November 7, 6:30 P.M.