

Oregon PTO Meeting

January 8, 2008

Minutes

Attendance: Anne Weiland, Mary Lynn Kessenich, Stacy Sergent, Linda Immenschuh, Patty Tucker, Katie Lindell, Michelle Lawry, Kelly Sorensen, Ann Wacker, Michelle Gard, Marilyn Murphy, Jane Killerlain, Pam Collins

Secretary's Report

There were no corrections. Michelle Lawry made a motion to approve, seconded by Jane Killerlain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lynn Kessenich paid a deposit of \$410 for Novel Ideas. Marilyn Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Patty Tucker. Approved.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Patty Tucker asked if anyone was interested in a spring fundraiser. It was decided that we should have a spring fundraiser to raise money; otherwise we would need to cut the budget in half for next year. A fundraiser that the Brooklyn PTO has done in the past was discussed. Pam Collins contacted Joanna Kessenich, PTO President, BKE and received the following information. The fundraiser is called Square One Art. Square One Art is a company that takes your child's artwork and professionally applies it to many wonderful items. Mugs, note cards, ornaments, key chains, calendars, CD cases, magnets, etc. make perfect gifts for family and friends. This is a great fundraiser to do for the holiday season. Products are reasonably priced and roughly half of the proceeds are profit. Joanna said that BKE made approximately \$2,200 on the art sale.

It was suggested that this might be best scheduled for the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Other ideas mentioned include: Chuck E Cheese donation program, sell gift cards, sell entertainment books, sell light bulbs (compact fluorescent) – Going Green, sell flower bulbs.

Science Fair

The Science Fair is scheduled for March 8, 2008. The new location will be at NKE, because of basketball conflicts at PVE. Anne Weiland reserved both gyms and the cafeteria for Friday and Saturday. Our new chairperson is Kelly Sorensen. Kelly will talk to Mary Jo Romero and Chris Tucker, last year's co-chairs. Kelly also asked for input from the meeting attendees. Numerous volunteers need to be recruited, and Kelly has recruited high schoolers. Michelle Lawry will put a note in the NKE and PVE newsletter asking for help with the fair activities, student demonstrations and photographing experiments. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 5:30 p.m. at the Firefly. Kelly has contacted Snakes Alive and has some other suggested ideas.

Operation Joy

Patty Tucker volunteered and mentioned donations were down a bit, and everything went smoothly.

School Kidz 2008

Michelle Lawry stated that last year the kit price was increased by \$5.00. The extra money raised was approximately \$1,000 and was used to purchase backpacks for needy families. Marilyn Murphy stated that NKE has a fine stock of backpacks and school supplies. Michelle Gard stated that PVE also has an adequate supply. Katie Lindell suggested that the price be raised by \$3.00 to raise money for the PTO. Michelle Lawry is working on communication for the newsletter and Kindergarten hallway. It shall be mentioned that the cost is comparable to buying the supplies on your own. The forms will go home the third week of April. School supply kits and backpacks will be picked-up at the school district registration in August.

Art Fair

Sue Tierman, Chair, was not in attendance, but e-mailed the following information. The Art Festival planning is coming right along. We had our first meeting in December and our second is set for Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. at the Firefly (anyone interested can feel free to join us!). We will decide on a theme at this meeting and there will be information in the January newsletter informing students of the date and theme and to encourage them to start preparing and brainstorming for the festival. We could still use a few parents to help plan and organize the hands-on projects. Also, if anyone is interested in helping to keep all the details organized, we could use that as well. They can contact Sue at 835-8263 if interested or for more information.

Old Business

Update on Pizza Hut Fundraiser Idea

Anne Weiland mentioned that Andy Weiland, Business Manager, did not recommend focusing our attention on one pizza place in Oregon. Andy would also probably veto any advertising in the newsletter.

Assemblies

February 20 afternoon, tentative date - MadHatters

May 14 – Novel Ideas

New Business

Staff Requests

The NKE Kindergarten teachers requested up to, but not exceeding, \$700.00 for supplies and materials to create balanced literacy centers. They have centrally located supplies for all Kindergarten teachers and want to improve supplies for at home use. Michelle Lawry made a motion to approve \$700 not-to-exceed, seconded by Patty Tucker. Approved.

Miscellaneous

A low maintenance fun night was suggested. It would be an event for family participation, such as a movie night that has been popular in the summer at the pool. This would replace the fall event that was not done this school year.

The following details were mentioned: PVE does not allow food in their gym, so possibly use the NKE cafeteria. The following Friday nights were suggested, February 1, February 8, and March 14. The February 8 date was the first choice and February 1, second choice. Anne Weiland will speak with Deb Bossingham from the pool about movie licensing. It was mentioned that there is probably an approximate \$200 charge for movie rights. There would be popcorn and drink provided at a nominal charge. The drinks would need to follow the school contract. Katie Lindell will ask Beth Sailor about the popcorn machine used at the Family Fun Night. The Movie Night would be advertised in the newsletter at PVE and NKE.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 p.m. Motioned by Michelle Lawry, seconded by Kelly Sorensen.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. at NKE IMC