

Oregon PTO Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2009

Attendance: Anne Weiland (President), Beth Sailor (Vice President), Mary Lynn Kessenich (Treasurer), Jenn Landas (Secretary), Dan Rikli (NKE Principal), Heather Sveom (PVE Principa), Joy Bychowski, Winfred Byrd, Jenny Campbell, Patty Fitzgerald, Michelle Lawry, Dawn Schumann

Meeting Started: 7:03pm

Treasurer's Report: We are still working with the IRS. Joy Bychowski and Jenn Landas were reimbursed for Teacher and Educational Assistant meals. Joy Bychowski made a motion to approve. Seconded by Dawn Schumann.

Secretary's Report: Dawn Schumann made a motion to approve. Seconded by Winfred Byrd.

Committee Reports:

Operation Joy: Patty Fitzgerald shared that we served 43 families with 122 children this year, up from 37 families in 2007. About a quarter of the families served were from Brooklyn, so Patty will contact the Brooklyn PTA about joining forces with us on this program. Donations of adult outerwear were down, but otherwise we received great donations. Many families expressed their gratitude for this program. Gail Brown was a big help this year. We may need to budget for garbage bags so families can take gifts without children seeing them. It was agreed that the Social Committee Rep would purchase garbage bags when buying supplies for the Teacher Conference Dinner. We decided to switch Operation Joy to the November Food Pantry date for next year for the following reasons: the children need outwear in November, we would still have the December date open for a back up in case of a school closing and it would perhaps take some holiday stress off families to know that they have some gifts already. Patty is willing to chair this again next year, but would like another person to work closely with her.

Fundraising: It appears as if our profit from the fall fundraiser was \$19,179.90. Linda Immenschuh feels that we may want to look at another company for next fall because of the errors that occurred, the way the company did not support our efforts, the number of shortages and the way extra product was handled. They did donate four rolls of wrapping paper, a number of Entertainment Books and 4 Noah's Ark tickets that were distributed through Operation Joy. We also talked about the possibility of using the Children's Art Fundraiser this spring.

Movie Night: There isn't space available for us on January 23rd, due to basketball, so our next Movie Night is scheduled for 6:30 on February 20th in the Rome Corners Commons. We discussed showing Horton Hears a Who or Kung Fu Panda. Jenn Landas will check to see how much it might cost to show a movie at Star Cinema as another option.

Science Fair: We will hold the Science Fair on Saturday, May 2nd. We need to pick next year's date as soon as possible because of the conflicts that Spring brings us.

School Kidz Kits: Michelle Lawry is looking for a replacement as her children will move to RCI next year. The person sends out order forms in February/March and collects them in April/May. The person is then at District Registration Day to distribute the boxes. Dawn Schumann is willing to serve in this role as long as she can "train" with Michelle for the remainder of this year. We will potentially offer this to incoming Kindergarteners by putting a carefully worded document in the packet that they receive in March. Heather Sveom and Dan Rikli will check to see how many Kindergarten families end up at a different school than their first choice and will talk with the Kindergarten staff to get

an accurate supply list. We will not order extra kits because there are adequate supplies available in the school offices for families that need assistance.

Art Fair: The Art Fair is scheduled for March 21st from 1:30 – 5:00pm. The committee is meeting for the first time Saturday, January 17th to work out initial details. The theme for this year is “Going Green”. The logo submission forms will be going home during the week of January 19th with students. David HB Drake, a storyteller/musician is scheduled to perform. The Social Committee will take care of refreshments for the Art Fair. Patty Fitzgerald will have Nicolette Timberlake send a list of on-call volunteers to Sue Tierman. To get the soccer team “bumped” from the PVE gym earlier for setup on Friday night, Sue will need to talk to Mr. Chapis, the Athletic Director.

NINA Fun Run: We have set this year’s date for May 5th, with a rain date of May 7th. Winfred Byrd was given details on how to be approved to reserve facilities and will do so for the NINA Fun Run. He will also check with the secretaries to make sure there aren’t any scheduling conflicts. He will also check into whether or not we need to fill out a Fundraising Activity Request for this event.

Old Business:

Community Sand Box Fill: Patty Fitzgerald reminded us that we may be able to take over the Community Sand Box Fill if Parent Share isn’t interested.

New Business:

Staff Requests: The NKE First Grade Team made a request for Language Arts games for all first graders to use on a daily basis. Winfred Byrd motioned to approve this request, to not exceed \$500. Seconded by Patty Fitzgerald. The NKE Second Grade Team made a request for their Art in the Classroom Program, to be taught by Docent Heidi DeWoskin. This proposal includes the cost of one bus to take the second graders to the Chazen Art Museum. Winfred Byrd motioned to approve this request, not to exceed \$590 and to be taken from the NKE Arts Budget. Seconded by Dawn Schumann. The NKE Second Grade Team also requested money to purchase books for rewards as part of their at-home reading incentive program. Winfred Byrd motioned to approve this request, not to exceed \$400 and to be taken from the NKE Reading Incentive Budget. Seconded by Dawn Schumann.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Winfred Byrd and seconded by Dawn Schumann. Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in the Netherwood Library.

Jenn Landas, Secretary

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