

PTO General Meeting

September 30th 2008 6:30 pm

Location: Library

Present: Michele Giordano, Lynn Reed, Ashley Reida, Jhenifer Morfitt, Lena Glenn, Maria Webster, Denise Pigue, Sara Bahler, Robin Osborn, Jennifer Moore, Katya Miltimore, Tara Comstock, Christine Watts, Yvonne Fish, RaeAnn Jonson, Bonnie Guyer Graham, Sharon Cumming, Leslie Hammaker, Stephanie Brown, Mary Sharp and Principal Gayle Mar-Chun

Denise Pigue called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Each person was asked to introduce themselves.

Americorps Member – Jenny Peterson

- introduced herself and watching children tonight
- asks for input for incorporating more activities to build parent community
- Moms with muffins Wednesday, Oct 22, 7:30 am and Dad's with doughnuts Thursday, Oct 23, 7:30 am

Treasurer's Report- Jhenifer Morfitt:

- introduces new budget data sheet models from last year
- fundraiser was near the amt of last year's with a 20 student drop
- **2007-2008- How PTO helped**

\$1100 teachers

\$1000 scholarship

\$800 school buses for field trip

\$300 sock hop

\$1250 learning equipment

\$1450 playground equipment, playshed murals and cleaning

Recognized Michele and Lynn for outstanding work in restoring playground

\$500 field day snacks and awards

\$100 recognition awards for 5th graders

\$450 staff appreciation

\$675 pacific science day center

Given time and hard work to make Madison happier and healthier place to play and work.

Neighborhood Association Grant - \$2000- Christine Watts reported:

- PTO floated \$1500 to Christine to get started
- Was in touch with Neighborhood Assoc President and check has arrived and once NA secretary returns from a trip, the money will be returned to PTO.

Fall Fundraiser Update- Denise Pigue reported:

- \$1000.00 online sales alone-We have NEVER had that amount in internet sales....little over \$5200 total and \$250 donations and the student population this year is minus 20 from last year. We did away with “throw away prizes” and we did our own prize program. Each class earned a popsicle party and a popcorn party...All classes earned this. Because we did so well the fundraising company thinks we should open up the “Grand Prize” Magic Show to the entire school. PTO agrees. The date of the show will be October 30, 2008.

Lena to present change to the magicians. Lena also asked for permission for a longer time allotment for the show. Gayle agrees to a 2:35-3:05 time change (no later then 315) time change.

Book Fair, Holiday Store, Sock Hop-

Book Fair - Denise Pigue reported:

- Book Fair during Conference week Oct 13-17 M-F 1pm-4:30pm.
- Going to try to get more bargain books and less toys...we will not put out posters or selling any.
- Out-of-House Rep coming to visit sale. In house rep left. New things for the bookfair.
- Will also be having a spring book fair

-Holiday Store- Dec. 12- RaeAnn Jonson (chair of the Holiday Store) :

- Asks for the possibility of having new and inexpensive things for Holiday Store if a rummage sale is not currently planned- Inexpensive (under \$5.00) new things and especially men’s things.
- Will create a gift idea list.

-Sock Hop-Denise Pigue reported:

- Date set for Thursday February 12th (no school that next Friday).
- Lena arranged for the entertainment: Northwest Sound Family Fun Nights. Awesome 80's Winter Wonderland theme. Up to 3 hours for \$395 and got \$50 off. Great deal for Sock Hop this year. Have paid up to \$500 in the past on DJ's.
- Younger siblings of Madison students OK but older siblings will not be allowed.

PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER- Denise Pigue reported:

- Assumptions (PTO is paying the \$750 fee) were made due to the fact that the PTO has always paid for this. The cost went up from \$695 to \$750. The event is booked for February. Stated that parent and student feedback suggests there is little interest in this event. There is no option to cancel it.
- Members asked why cancellation was not an option. Discussed the PSC program and alternative options for the PSC program-something new and fresh or of better quality (Issues were raised about the lack of PCS employee support in assisting with the hands on activities set up in the library. Past volunteers that were present at the meeting stated that a lot of the equipment set up in the library was broken and that some students, as well as the volunteers, were frustrated by not knowing how some of the equipment worked.) The PTO is not saying we want to discontinue a Science related program. The PTO would like to look into a higher quality option. Several board members mentioned alternatives to the PCS. One alternative was "Mad Science". The PTO will research the cancellation policies of the Pacific Science Center. A vote was taken. Members present voted....the PTO will pay for the event if the event CANNOT BE CANCELLED. The PTO is willing to pay a cancellation fee. If there is a cancellation fee the PTO will determine if the cost will be worth canceling the event. If the event can be cancelled and the school declines to cancel, the school will have to pay for the event. The \$750 will most likely have to be paid from the school's ASB(sp?) funds. Gayle states that she would like to discuss the matter with the staff before making a decision.
- Lena will contact Mad Science to see what kind of programs they offer

Officer Descriptions and Elections

Michele describes officer positions (from draft bylaws) and responsibilities of President, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, and Parent-Teacher Liaison (removing Community Events Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator-replaced with Parent Teacher Liaison)

PTO voted and it is decided:

-President- Michele Giordano

-Vice President- Lynn Reed

-Secretary- Ashley Reida

-Treasurer- Jhenifer Morfitt

-Fundraising Coordinator- Lena Glenn

-Parent-Teacher Liaison- Maria Webster

New Business

Michele Giordano reports:

Money (grants)-

- Requests must be submitted to the PTO in the form of a written proposal. The PTO will respond to the request in writing. The proposals will serve as a record for the PTO file. The written response from the PTO will also prevent any future financial confusion.

Family Reading Night-

- This event would be free
- Would take place around the week of Dr Seuss's Birthday (sometime in March)

General Meetings-

- 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 to 7:30- Next meeting will be October 15th

Christine Watts reports:

\$1000.00 scholarship

- Expressed her misgivings regarding the PTO continuing with the scholarship. Would like to see it discontinued due to the amount of the scholarship.
- Board members replied by stating that they had already decided to discontinue the scholarship during the board meeting held in April of 2008
- Revisit requested by Jennifer Moore
- State of economy was given as one of the reasons the board arrived at their decision.

- Motion to table until next meeting was made by Michele. Motion approved by the majority.

Lena:

Art Stamps-

- Are we interested in doing it again this year?
- This year we will have all year to do it.
- PTO decides to continue with this project.
- Those present would like the Art Stamp items to be available for the December holiday season.

General meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

****Old board to cast vote on Passport Supplies paid by a parent for \$191 that wasn't approved or brought up at a past meeting. PTO board members searched through past meeting minutes and were unable to find anything in reference to the PTO agreeing to pick up the 2008/2009 Passport expense. 2007-2008 board debated between paying the entire bill or give a \$100 grant to the parent and the remainder will be picked up by the school. Board voted and the \$100 grant will be given to the parent.**

Minutes prepared by Ashley Reida

Minutes amended on 10/11/08 by Michele Giordano