

Lewis PTA Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008 – 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER attendance =22

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN REPRESENTATIVE, Debe Klotzman* here to explain OPEN's mission and how they help local parents keep lines of communication open with the school

- Next week, a national speaker will talk about living with ADHD. She will return in Feb. for a 2 day workshop. All programs are taped and shown on cable channel. Solon Library and Solon schools website have many resources if you cannot attend a meeting.
- Need a representative from Lewis for OPEN to report on the meetings

SECRETARY'S REPORT– Cathy Kichler – substitute Leigh Goldie

Minutes: Are there any corrections to the minutes?

X The minutes are approved as read

The minutes are approved as corrected

TREASURER'S REPORT – JoEllen Weingarten

Balance on hand 9/16/08	\$7,048
Expenses	\$1,184
Income	\$1,235

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Mr. Fred E. Bolden

- “Nice to see faces I don't normally see”
- New morning dropoff procedure
 - When using the drop off lane, pull up to the front cones. Leave the space between the two cones to create a safe walkway for the children.
 - Don't park in the parking lot and let children walk across unaccompanied. If you park, please accompany your children across the parking lot!
 - Solon Assistant Police Chief will monitor the system to see if there are any improvements that can be made, but it is working well. Slower driving is better.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Martha Hart

- Will meet with K all week to introduce herself
- 3rd grade reading test on October 7 – make sure kids are here
- EWOW day is coming up November 17
- Hostess committee chair is looking for 5 people to bake for EWOW day
- Looking for Parent escorts on Monday, November 17

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Faith Gilbert

- Book Fair – thanks to all volunteers including Girl Scouts
 - Each teacher received \$110
 - Library teacher received \$200
 - Anton Guardina received \$200
 - School will get additional rewards from catalog and \$500 to use for assemblies
 - If you are a committee chair, please make sure Faith has your correct email

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Lainie Cohen

- Many thank you notes from teachers for Holcombs and book fair

- Thanks to chairs committing their time so far in various roles
- Committee chairs that need paper products – please check storage in cafeteria before you buy

COUNCIL DELEGATES REPORT

- Budget Bin is right around the corner and volunteers are needed
- High School is debating whether or not to use metal detectors
- Solon High School named U.S. No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Box Tops (Donna Morlani/Kelly Pfundstein)

- Can go online, register and shop online earning a specific percentage for schools
- If you sign up online and shop in their marketplace, Lewis will receive money
- See the next newsletter for complete information

Budget Bin (Kathryn Devito)

- Earns money for scholarships that go to the high school
- Can get a really good value
- Sign up sheet sent out, please sign up to represent Lewis October 22- 27.

COSI (Andrea Martin-Clay) Friday, October 24

- Theme this year is Launch into Space
- Need volunteers in morning, afternoon, all day or to help set up the day before

Hospitality (Stacy Esper)

- Can we bring in snacks for the kids during meetings? This is done at the other elementary schools
- Pumpkin is the theme for October, let Stacy know if you are interested in volunteering to bring in food

Innisbrook (Sheryl Golden) – Big Fall Fundraiser

- Brought catalogs and samples for PTA to see
- If kids sell at least 10 items, will receive coupon for monkey (stuffed animal)

Membership (Nikki Lee)

- Booth at Welcoming Ice Cream Social
- Have 245 Members plus \$360 cash donations = \$1,595 total
- Cards haven't gone out yet – still need a list
- Adding a "Wall of Fame" in the cafeteria to recognize teacher PTA members to encourage additional teachers to join

Philanthropic (Laura Villarosa/Karen Kasper)

- October – Make a Difference Day food collection
- November - Halloween candy collection
- December - Giving week
- March 27 – one day food drive
- End of year – collect leftover school supplies
- Ongoing book donation – people have been very generous and we have filled a box already

School supplies (Colleen Tsironis)

- Thanks to everyone who participated in school supply sale – over 250 participants. Lewis does get a rebate check for this activity in the fall.
- Thanks to everyone who organized the boxes and worked on distribution

Volunteers (Cathy Rothschild)

- Great to see so many parents wanting to help at Lewis
- Some people will be contacted soon if not already
- Contact Cathy if you are interested in volunteering
- Make sure you contact all volunteers on your list to make sure they get to volunteer

Newsletter

- Available online
- Sent out hard copy to all Kindergarten parents for 1st edition only
- Please send all text by 20th of month
- Likes to publish by 1st of month - contact Melissa at Schneider18@roadrunner.com

Heart Power

- There are a handful of rooms that still need at least 2 volunteers. If you have time, please volunteer – one hour training session and 2 half hour long classes.
- Be Fit 4 Kids – is a totally different system. Fill in activities instead of doing suggested activities.
- **Parents can limit amount of extra lunchroom sweets by sending in a short letter to cafeteria letting them know when or what your children can buy.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposed budget – no one has made any requests for changing committee budgets so we will approve budget as is. Budget passes.
- Open committee chairs:
- Budget Bin co-chair, various Shamrock committees, Yearbook Supplement, Welcoming Ice Cream Social
- Please sign up for events on back table.
- Email sent to committee chairs for reports. Not anything fancy, just quick summary. Please send a quick summary to Lainie.

NEW BUSINESS

- Per Solon Council of PTA's Standing Rules need to be reviewed/revised in the coming months
 - Committee will share and compare with other schools to see if anything works better
 - Committee will begin next month once spreadsheet with rules is ready
 - If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please see Lainie

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Judy Galbraith, "What Kids Need to Succeed"

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Sept. 26 – Spirit Day
Sept. 30 – No school, Rosh Hashanah

October

Oct. 9 – No school, Yom Kippur
Oct. 16 – 4th gr. Parent/Student Breakfast, 7:30am
Oct. 17 – No school, Inservice Day
Oct. 20 – Picture retakes
Oct. 22 – 28 Budget Bin
Oct. 24 – COSI
Oct. 24 – Spirit Day
Oct. 31 – Halloween parade & parties, 1:15pm

NEXT LEWIS PTA MEETING:

Tuesday, October 21st @ 9:15am

Nitpickers, the Lice Specialists, will be coming to do a special presentation at this meeting

ADJOURNMENT – 8pm