

Lewis PTA Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 9:20am; 22 in attendance**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**– Cathy Kichler

Minutes: Are there any correction to the minutes:

The minutes are approved as read

The minutes are approved as corrected

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – JoEllen Weingarten

Balance on hand 01/21/09 \$ 13,245.79

Expenses \$ 919.13

Income \$ 462.54

Ending Balance 02/17/09 \$ 13,702.38

Savings acct \$ 10,881.07

Note tax ID# is 23-7257195 and will be corrected on the forms available in the office.

6. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** – Mr. Fred E. Bolden – Drop off procedure; Change – will be making a lane with cones for safety purposes; Registration residency requirements will be more stringent; All of the Governor's education proposals are just that – a lot needs to happen through long political processes until any changes are made.

7. **2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Martha Hart – K info night coming up: March 11th and 12th is registration

8. **1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Faith Gilbert – May 1st – Solon Council of PTA 11-2pm Spring Fling ; Music in Motion will perform; theme: Springtime in Paris; Cost is \$22

9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Lainie Cohen; Stacy Esper is the new OPEN chair; \$3,718 from Kalahari; Tammy Strom wants pictures of Lewis students for next years calendar;

10. **COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT Susan Weiss – Board of Education Meeting 02/07/09**

- The Superintendent recommended the authorization to secure bids for renovating Roxbury Elementary cafeteria and kitchen. It could cost up to \$250,000. We have already renovated the Orchard and High School cafeterias. This will enable Roxbury to prepare more food onsite, and not move as much from the High School. This avoids both reheating and discoloration while increasing efficiency and freshness.
- Several substitute teachers were approved for the present school year, as well as supplemental contracts. These were for sports and psychologists, who needed to perform duties outside the scopes of the job, such as student testing.
- There was an approval to appoint a hearing officer regarding a private expulsion matter.
- At the meeting a building usage report was discussed. Outside organizations must request a building permit to utilize district facilities, and many were approved.
- Solon High School's diversity awareness program was featured in African-American Lifestyles magazine this month. Solon is a leader in successful cultural diversity.
- OPEN (Ohio Parent Education Network) celebrated their 20th anniversary.
- Four high school athletes signed letters of intent for college soccer – Congrats! The football coach won an ethics and integrity award.
- There was a discussion about Governor Strickland's education recommendations, which are a Proposal, not a law or mandate. Fully funded kindergarten and the possibility of a longer school year were discussed. Also in the forefront was the phasing out of the Tangible Tax Revenue, which will hit in 2011. The Ohio State legislature has the power to introduce new bills, the Governor can only make proposals. No action has been taken yet and is not expected until June of July. They reminded us that the newspaper, although informative, is not always completely correct. Education cuts were protected for now, and the Governor listened to all the groups and addressed their concerns

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Budget Bin** - Kathryn Devito March 25 – March 30
- **Blood Drive** - Go to givelife.org to register online for the Blood Drive; Marty Jerome is looking for volunteers for 1 Hour shifts
- **4th Grade Yearbook Supplement** – send photos to Sue Azzarello at sueazz@ameritech.net (email labeled “4th Grade Supplement” or call 440-542-0398
- **Half Price Book Fair** - April 23rd – good chance to buy books for summer reading
- **OPEN** – Stacy Esper – celebrating 20 years 02/17/09 at the Solon Board of Education starting at 6:45pm; speaker on Connecting the Dots: Developing Positive Home, School and Community Communication.
- **Read-a-Thon Fundraiser** – Cathy Kichler - on Monday Mar 2nd from 8-11am in the MPR we are assembling student envelopes – all help is welcome – each student will get a book, bookmark, coupon for a free kids meal at Bob Evans. It was back in February of 2008 (before we even knew about the upcoming recession) that PTA voted to launch a Read-a-Thon Fundraiser. The support from the local business community has been amazing! We hope to preserve funding PTA programs at the current level by adding this fundraiser to our Innisbrook efforts in the fall.
- **Innisbrook** – Sheryl Golden - PTA received an \$800 additional check from online sales

- **Giving week** – collected A LOT this year!!!! K – tube socks; 1 – cleaning supplies; filling tube socks; making sleeping bags for the homeless using neck ties and old bedding for the homeless; Women’s Space in Garfield Hts.- 2nd grade – gift bags for mother’s with new babies in baskets; Anton asked for small toys as those which come with happy meals; Asking kids how they would spend \$100 to help people; all making cards for soldiers in the USO.
Any Committee I forgot to call on?

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Standing Rules revision suggestions have been received
Back-hall picture replacements – going ahead

13. NEW BUSINESS

Read Nominating Committee for 09/10 PTA Board slate - Sheryl Golden
President – Stacy Weber
1st VP – Cathy Kichler
Secretary – Sheryl Golden
Treasurer – Andrea Martin-Clay
Council Delegates - Stacy Esper, Debbi Barson, Teresa Whitham

Solon Middle School is sponsoring a clothing drive – building a closet for a K-8 school - collecting blue, black, or khaki slacks for boys and girls, plain white or light blue shirts with collars, cardigan sweaters/vests, blue, black or khaki skirts or jumpers

Proposal to purchase financial software – in JoEllen’s absence Cathy proposed buying financial software and hard drive backup device – voted Yes

Bylaws written in 2006 approved in 2009

14. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Grade Fun Night April 3rd

Pierre’s Ice Cream will give PTA \$.10 for each Pierre’s ice cream UPC collected

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 17-20: Giving Week	March 5: 3 rd gr. Music Program for Students, 1:30pm
February 24: Blood Drive in Gym	March 6: 3 rd gr. Music program for Parents, 8:20am
February 27: Lewis Spirit Day	March 6: Kindergarten conferences, no school K only
March 3-13: Read-a-thon Fundraiser	March 12: 1 st grade Parent/Student Breakfast, 7:30am
March 5: Kindergarten Information night, 7pm	March 13: Kindergarten conferences, no school K only
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March 16-18: Collect Read-a-Thon Money and Minutes Read

March 20th: Read-a-thon Celebration

NEXT LEWIS PTA MEETING Tuesday, March 17th – 9:15am

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Is there any further business to come before this meeting?
Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned at 10:15am.

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