

## PTA MEETING NOTES:

**Date: October 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

**Welcome:** Thank you everyone for coming today. Please pick up an agenda to follow along at today's meeting, our financial reports, and the minutes from last meeting.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Minutes:**

- Has everyone had a chance to review September minutes?
- Since there are no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

### **Treasurer's Report-Kathy**

As of 10/21/08 the beginning balance is \$5600.80. Total receipts were \$30,583.32 and total disbursements were \$3621.53. Cash on hand as of 10/21/08 are \$32,562.59.

❖ Thank you Kathy, the report will be filed for audit.

**Correspondence:** Some cards were passed around.

**Principals Report-** Mrs. Keeney absent; report by Mrs. Petrie.

### **Guidance Counselors Report-** Mrs. Petrie

1. Thank you to everyone who worked on Book Fair and Fall Fest—great success!
2. Halloween Parade on the 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 1:15, same as previous years. More information will follow in parent email.
3. 10/31 is also the end of the first quarter. Report cards for Grade 2-4 will come home with students on November 7<sup>th</sup>
4. Parent Conferences are coming on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00pm and Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8-11:30am
5. Encourage all students to dress appropriately for outdoor recess for the upcoming winter weather (hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, etc.)
6. Students love the chess and checkers game table donated by PTA—Thanks!
7. More guidance groups beginning/added to current ones. See October PTA bulletin for more details.
8. Ohio Read volunteer program (for second graders) and Moving Math Along volunteer program (for first and second graders) beginning the first week of November.
9. Red Ribbon Week—off to a good start. Student benefiting from lesson in library class and participating in signing pledge also. Students seem to enjoy the dress-up days as well. ☺
10. Announcements are no longer being made daily.
11. Teachers should be updating their web pages.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 440-349-7376 or email me at [ppetrie@solonboe.org](mailto:ppetrie@solonboe.org).

Tricia Petrie

**Vice President's Report -** Beth Kalinowski – nothing to report at this time.

## President's Report: Lisa Siegler

**Heinen's:** Please sign up for Heinen's tasteful rewards program at [www.heinens.com](http://www.heinens.com) to receive promotions at the store as well as our school receiving 1% back on your purchases

**Ink Jets:** continue to send them in big or small. We filled a whole box already and the one in the atrium is almost full.

**Capri Sun collections:** is going really well. The kids and lunch monitors are really into helping. Thanks a lot.

## THANK YOU

- ❖ To **JANET KEANE** for getting our directory done in lightening speed.
- ❖ To the Fall Fest committee, **FRANNIE DANZINGER, SUSAN CASTIGLIONE, ALISSA SCHNEIDER, JODI MACK,** and **LORI SCHWATRZ** for organizing an amazing night full of games, family fun and lots of excitement. Also thank you to everyone that volunteered at the event. Without the volunteers it wouldn't be possible!
- ❖ A HUGE thank you to **SANDY SALTZMAN** for donating much of the food at this years Fall Fest from **Dave's Supermarket.**
- ❖ To this years book fair committee, **PATTI DISSENGER, KARA WU, LISA GILBERT, KATHY SOLDES,** and **LORI ABRAHAM.** These ladies put in long hours making book fair possible for our teachers and students. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped setting up, at preview and sales days, and packing back up after Fall Fest. This is another event that wouldn't be possible without the help of all our wonderful volunteers.
- ❖ To the people who made our Innisbrook fundraiser possible: **CHERYL KRESEVIC** and **KIM KRANTZ.** They worked long hours collecting prizes, imputing orders, and organizing the sale. Also thank you to the people who attended our Pizza Hut lunch: **LORI SCHWARTZ, MICHELLE BARKSDALE, PATTI DISSENGER,** and **MRS. PETRIE.**
- ❖ To our Spirit Day committee **FRANNIE DANZINGER AND BETH KALINOWSKI** for last month's popsicles. The kids really enjoyed a different treat!
- ❖ To **MARCI FRIEDBERG** for her first newsletter. It was so informative and looked great too!
- ❖ To **ELLEN LIM** for receiving the Early Bird Award for submitting our membership information to the Ohio PTA so efficiently and quickly.
- ❖ To **ABBEY GUGGENHEIM** for organizing our Make A Difference Day project.
- ❖ To **ANDREA ROSSEN** and **BETH KALINOWSKI** for organizing our refreshments for today.

## Council delegate Report

From the 9/22/08 meeting:

The Board approved payment of bills totaling \$63,513. The annual appropriation of funds for the Solon City School District to provide for current expenses and other expenses during the fiscal year ending 6/30/09 was approved.

The board approved 13 substitutes on an as needed basis and six supplemental contracts for the 2008-09 school year. Board approved out of state travel for Grace Zhou and Jennifer Moore to the Liberty Bell Speech and Debate Tournament in October at the University of Pennsylvania.

From the 10/13/08 meeting:

Mr. Regano thanked the boosters and families who contributed bricks for the wall at the football field.

Nine school buses have had 2-camera security installed. One camera is in the front of the bus and one is in the back. They can be rotated. A bid will be awarded to purchase five new school buses for \$360, 960. Solon has 60 buses and they have a life span of 1 to 13 years.

The tangible personal property tax elimination is a concern for our five year budget. The state planned a phase out of this tax to attract businesses to Ohio. The phase out is coming to an end and the schools will need to find alternative sources to replace the money that will be lost in the phase out. There will be a \$1.8 million loss in the first year it is eliminated, which is 20% of the Solon schools budget.

Residency checks are going on throughout the year. If any member of the community believes a person doesn't belong in our schools, they are asked to call the Board of Education Safe Schools Hotline which is anonymous.

The school bell that is rung at the high school football games will be exhibited at the Solon Historical Society. It is from the first school house in Solon and is property of the school district.

32 Solon High School students were named National Merit scholarship semi-finalists. 193 Solon High School students were honored through the AP program.

Children should be supervised at the high school football games.

## **Standing Committee Report**

**OPEN** – Mary Jo Gortz has agreed to be our new OPEN rep. OPEN is for everyone and is beneficial for all people. Next meeting will be October 28th and is called SOS. The Ohio Center for Autism will be speaking. November 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation at 9:30 am at the BOE office.

**Ways & Means** – Wrapped up Innisbrook program with prizes for the top 21 sellers. Businesses were thanked for their donations. There was a Pizza Hut lunch for the winners. Goal was lowered from last year to \$12,400 which was just met. November 13<sup>th</sup> the truck will deliver orders, we will need help unloading about 10:00 am.

**Staff Appreciation** – We made Halloween goody bags of popcorn and pretzels drizzled with Halloween chocolate for staff in October. There will be a Soup and Salad dinner for staff in November during conference time.

**Spirit Day** – Donuts for students on Friday.

**School Gift** – We donated the sign in front of the building. We have \$3,300+ left in the budget and are working on another gift.

**Present Shop** – Has been meeting. We will be calling parent volunteers to help the children shop on December 10th – 12th. There will be preview days before the sale begins.

**Physical Education Liaison** – Jump Rope for Heart will have a greater emphasis this year.

**Panther Sportswear** – An order was delayed.

**Newsletter** – Deadline was yesterday. Next month's deadline will be December 10<sup>th</sup>. The school newsletter is no longer being done.

**Membership** – We got the Early Bird Award

**Make A Difference Day** – Schools supplies were donated.

**Hospitality** – Thanks to everyone who brought in food for hospitality.

**Historian** – Send pictures in to Frannie.

**Health, Welfare & Safety** – There was discussion about the BFit4Kids Program.

**Fall Fest** – Fall Fest was a lot of fun. There was a dip in attendance. We would welcome any comments and suggestions. We will look at ways to cut costs.

**Directory** – They have all been sent home.

**Campbell's Label & Box Tops** – The labels will be mailed in. They have to be postmarked by 10/31/08. We will make over \$500 on the labels. Any sent in and marked for a class will be credited to that class' totals for the contest. If you go to [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com) you can enter in codes from Coke and associated drinks and transfer the points to Parkside.

**Budget Bin** – Three truckloads of donated previously worn uniforms were brought to the Parkside Gym to sell for Budget Bin. There were sports uniforms, cheerleading outfits and band jackets. There will be a special sale tonight to offer these donations. Consignment say will be Wednesday. Consignors receive half of the profit and the other half goes to the scholarship fund.

**Book Fair** – Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible. We made \$10134.00 which was \$200 less than last year. Parkside families donated over \$300 for the Book Program which is matched by Innisbrook. Webkinz raffle was yesterday.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business - none**

**The meeting is adjourned** at 10:38 am.