

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

Welcome:

- So glad you are all here
- Please pick up an agenda, financial report and minutes from our last meeting
- Please fill out an entry slip to win an Entertainment book.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Since there are no corrections, the minutes stand approved (as corrected)

Treasurer's Report: Kathy

Starting balance was \$11,755.51

Total received was \$5,529.22

Total Expenditures was \$7,080.26

Ending balance was \$10,204.47

Thank you; the report will be filed for audit

Correspondence: Alissa passed around attendance book. Sign under legislative for this meeting. Card was sent to Mayor Patton for the passing of his son.

Principals Report: Mrs. Keeney

Attendance is 429 which is down two from last month.

Thanked COSI volunteers, Staff Appreciation breakfast, Spirit Day donuts, VIP Night and Valentine Day Parties.

Bullying assembly follow up message went out due to rescheduling.

Today through Friday will be Second grade music Informances

February 27th is Career Day

March 5, 6, 12, 13 Kindergarten conferences.

March 5 - Kindergarten Info night and March 11-12 Kindergarten registration at Arthur Road.

Guidance Counselors Report: Mrs. Petrie

Career Day – Friday February 27th. Presenters are up to about 34 right now.

Need volunteers to put it together for kind info night. 9 am – 11:30 that day. Contact Mrs. Petrie if you are able to help.

Vice Principal Report: Beth

COSI – thanks to everyone who helped out with COSI, especially Karin Axner, Cheryl Kresevic, Linda Tisch and Ela Winkler. Started off a little rocky, but kids had a great time. Current Conditions for next year, first week in February. Second Choice is The Human Body.

Spring Fling will be Friday May 1 at Signature of Solon. The theme is Springtime in Paris. Tickets ready next week and will be at next PTA meeting \$22 a person. They will have water, ice tea, coffee, tea, warm Tuscan rolls, and Asiago rolls with sweet butter, baby and romaine greens tossed with balsamic vinaigrette, with stuffed shells with ricotta and mascarpone. The dessert will be apple berry crisp. Nice chance to get out and have an adult lunch. Show Choir from SHS will perform.

President's Report:

- If anyone is interested in chairing a committee next year or not chairing a current one please let me know. We really need someone for Ways and Means to learn the ropes for following years. Also need someone for Donuts with Dad.
- Remember, I'd love committee reports anytime.
- The PTA Council received a check from Kalahari for \$3,718. It was the most money every since we started the Kalahari event. This money will be put towards additional scholarships for high school seniors. The forms are available at the High School Guidance office and the Deadline is April 3rd.
- School calendar is printed and on table with other forms.
- Kalahari has offered the same deal to Solon Schools for next year, \$99 rate for a family of 4; arrival date of Sunday, Jan. 24th, there is no school on Jan 25th.
- HELP US BUILD A CLOSET- is a project that they put together at the SMS and are involving all K-8 buildings. Please check your closets for any uniform type clothing (blue black or khaki slacks for boys or girls, plain white or light blue blouses or shirts with collars, cardigan or vest sweaters, and blue black or khaki jumpers. They will be donated to Case Elementary School in East Cleveland. I'm sure many of us have at lease khaki pants from 4th grade music performances. We will be doing the collection the week of March 16-20. There will be a collection box in the front hall atrium.
- I would like to announce the slate of officers for Solon PTA Council for the 2009-2010 school year. It is President: Lisa Crawl, Vice President: Cheryl Kresivic, Recording Secretary: Sue Pohle, Corresponding Secretary: Linda Elwing, and Treasure: Laura Jaffe

THANK YOU:

- To Beth, Mrs. Keeney and the entire COSI committee. I know it was an interesting day but I think it turned out to be fine. I don't think the kids really knew anything was different.
- To my entire Staff Appreciation committee. They did such an amazing breakfast last week. I heard teachers and staff praising it all week long.
- Jodi Elman for working with Mr. Conner to organize the Jump Rope 4 Your Heart project.
- Everyone who planned and attended the V-Day Parties. I think they were a lot of fun!
- The entire Yearbook committee. I know they have been working really hard to put the finishing touches on this year's yearbook.
- To Andrea Rossen and Beth for organizing the food for today.
- My cookbook committee for getting the ball rolling on the great project!
- To the Hoe down committee for organizing this year's 4th Grade Hoe down.
- To the nominating committee for meeting and putting together the slate of officers.

Council delegate Report

Cheryl Kresevic

Solon Board of Education

Regular Meeting - February 9, 2009

- Roxbury's Kitchen renovation approved.
- More substitutes approved.
- Tuition reimbursements for 8 individuals amounting to \$5,018 were approved.
- Discussion of Governor's Educational Proposal.

Karin Axner

January 26th - School Board Meeting

- Five new school buses total buses now.
- Buses will have updated emissions standards.
- Two house demolitions were discussed
- Approved three new substitutes, Applications will be taken through April
- Solon HS has been awarded
- HS Video Club won an excellence award
- Mr. Anderson retired after years.
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OPEN – 20th anniversary of OPEN. Their signature color is purple and you will see purple balloons around. There is a meeting at the BOE for a celebration of anniversary and followed with a seminar on positive communication in the schools. Mary Jo offered two hand outs. Solon Library has a section of resources for parents to help their kids.

Standing Committee Reports

Book Fair – Scholastic BOGO is March 16 – 18. Selling books from 7:30 – 8:30 and 2:30 – 3:30. Open evening night of Art Show. This is held in room 66. Setting up on Friday March 13th. Sign up sent around for volunteers. School Gift of \$20 per class per teacher is provided. We will look at budget to see if this is doable. An email will go out to parents.

Budget Bin - This year's sale will start with consignment day on Wednesday, March 25th. We will need volunteers to help with set up on Tuesday, March 24th at 3:00. We will have an extra 30% day on Monday, March 30th since we will no longer have the regular consignor pick up that day. Consignors may come in that day from 2:30 – 5:00 to look for their own items and match them against their inventory list. Bag day will be Tuesday, March 31st from 9am – 12 noon, which is a little longer than in past years. Cheryl announced that we will be asking for volunteers sign up to bring in food for the volunteers. Cheryl passed around a sign up sheet. If someone would like to contribute, but cannot work a shift, they may contact Alice Melsher or Cheryl Kresevic to sign up to send in a food item.

Campbell's Labels & Box Tops – Over \$1100 was raised from Box Tops!

Cookies for top classes, pizza for the two winning classes will be passed out today.

Need 800 more labels for education. Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, etc. BJ's wholesale was selling Goldfish boxes with 50 bonus points.

We bought balls and jump ropes for recess.

We had a request for jump ropes and Frisbees. If anyone has Frisbees, send them in to lunch monitors.

Donuts with Dad – email will go out soon. It will be on Thursday mornings. It will be one donut per child, so children may want to have a little breakfast before school.

Health, Welfare & Safety – Bfit4Kids were due today.

Historian – Send any photos to Frannie Danzinger for the PTA scrapbook.

Fourth Grade Ho Down – Committee met and they are together. Reminder is going out today. It will be a pot luck with main dish provided by PTA. Combined, mothers, fathers – daughters. We may need some 3rd grade parent volunteers. March 13th, 7 pm – 9 pm.

Hospitality – Installation Brunch at Bertram in May. Form being passed around for brunch attendees. It is open to all PTA members, not just committee members.

Newsletter – Deadline is next Monday.

Physical Education Liaison – Jump Rope for Heart is coming up. They are asking for a name change because it is really just about being heart healthy. Thanks to Kathy Soldes who has been a big help. Parents from every grade are helping to organize the event. It will take place the week of March 2 – 5th during regular gym class. Children participate whether they fundraise or not. It will not be just jumping rope. The poster child is Ben Moore from Solon.

Present Shop – looks like we will be signing up with the same company as last year provided he can assure us we will have on time delivery of replacement items.

School Supplies Letter to go out next week. Packets may be sent directly home. Tentatively will be delivered August 13, delivery same at next PTA meeting and at night.

Spirit Day – Krispy Crème donuts. A real deal at four dollars a dozen. Form is available as we are signed up as a non profit. This month will be possibly be a cookie.

Staff Appreciation – Breakfast was supplied for staff. It was awesome and greatly appreciated by all staff. It was a very nice Valentines theme. March will e a March Madness theme

Ways & Means – Need someone to work directly with Lisa and Cheryl from the beginning of the year. We decided to go back with Innisbrook again next year. They will be adding Cookie Dough, Pies and Hot Pretzels. There will be one delivery and one pick up day.

Yearbook – We are finishing up yearbook right now. Pictures will continue to be accepted for the supplement.

VIP Night– Gionino's was happy to get the business. Great turn out and everyone had a great time.

Old Business: Nominating committee met on January 29th. We will read the slate of officers in Feb and March and vote in April

Pres – Lisa Siegler

VP – Beth Kalinowski

2vp – Mrs. Petrie

Treasurer - Lisa Heckman

Recording Secretary – Susan Castiglione

Corresponding Secretary – Nicole Lieber

Reps – Jodi Elman, Cheryl Kresevic

New Business

Cookbook –Lisa Siegler spoke about cook book fundraiser. Parents will receive a link with sign in and password. You will be able to see what recipes have already been entered to avoid duplicates. There will be a contest for 2 and 3 graders to do a cover for the cookbook. They will go on sale March 13th – 27th. Recipes can be entered from February 20th – March 20th. We'd love for teachers and staff to participate. Will charge \$12 per cook book depending on the number of recipes entered and the amount ordered.

Opening on Orchard committees for parents interested in volunteering at Orchard.

Winner of Entertainment Book was – Jen Schusterman

Is there any further business?

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.