

New Monmouth PTA General Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary (Marlaina Triolo)

The minutes were passed out from March 10, 2009 and accepted for file by Jan Henar & Pat Estavanik.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Pepi)

The report was read and accepted for file by Maria Grespier & Jenn Rozzo.

President's report (Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins)

"Hugs for Hailey" bracelets are still available. There is a clothing drive fundraiser at Thorne this weekend to help support Hailey and her family. There is also a night out at Jakobob's restaurant on Monday, April 27 to support Hailey. Please remember to bring the flier with you when you go and enjoy dinner for a great cause!

1st Vice President (Barbara DePalo)

"Joe Holiday Magician Show" was very successful. We made \$164 on the book orders. Friday, May 15 is our "used" book sale. Fliers went home with more details. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Monmouth Mall is offering "double points" during the week of April 30 – May 10. Please remember to bring your receipts to customer service when you are shopping at the Mall. Anyone interested in running the "Keansburg Waterpark" day for New Monmouth, please let us know.

2nd Vice President (Patty Martinsen)

No report!

Corresponding Secretary (Gina Cavanagh)

We sent a sympathy card to Stephanie Bisgrove for her loss.

Principal's Report

- "Got Milk" starts tomorrow. The staff will be all dressed like cows to kick off the challenge!
- The YMCA has created a survey for childcare which is available on our website. They are looking to see how many families would be interested in "before and after school" childcare programs to help better serve our Middletown community.
- We had some fun visits from therapy dogs. "Cotton and Nanuck" have come in to visit our Autism and Preschool programs. It has been a wonderful experience for our children
- A pilot program will be starting from now until the end of the year. It is a program to provide daily subs for elementary school principals. Being that elementary schools do not have Assistant Principals in the building, it is important to have coverage in case of the Principals absence from school grounds. This program will be available to people who are already certified as principals in the district, but are currently working as teachers or other positions in the school. We have two who have been selected for New Monmouth: Mrs. Cynthia Wouters, our Music teacher and Mrs. Diane Schissler, who is on our preschool child study team. Mrs. Christina Olsen is also another candidate for this program. She is the Autism Coordinator for the district.
- Field trips were discussed at our last faculty meeting. The staff was very appreciative of the work that was put into the PTA discussions. They will review it all and look into what field trips will work with the curriculum moving forward for next year.
- A technology demonstration was given to provide the PTA with the advances that have been made in the classrooms. We were introduced to the computers that are currently used in the school today and the systems in which they support! It was great to see how our children are learning in the classroom using wireless mini laptops and advanced portable systems. The "Smart Board" was simply fascinating to see!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEBSITE

It is up-to-date!

BOOK FAIR

“BOGO”! Tuesday preview from 4 -7pm. Book fair for the children will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

VARIETY SHOW

Awesome! It was great with the DJ this year.

PIC / BOE

A full detailed report is available on the website. The focus right now is on the budget. The budget affects all levels of our children’s education. After-school programs, athletics and clubs will all be eliminated if the budget does not pass. Class sizes will increase and the quality of our children’s education will suffer for it. Please make sure you are informed and vote!

FIFTH GRADE

Year Book is out to print, t-shirts are done and the party is currently being planned!

SCHOOL SPIRIT

All of the orders are in. Clothes should be going home this week.

MARKET DAY

No report.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Penny War made \$339. We are currently receiving donations on-line. Hat Day is coming soon. Information packets will be going home soon with more information. The date is June 19. Please consider becoming a team member! See the website for more details.

FUN DAY

The date is scheduled for Thursday, June 4. Rainedate is set for Thursday, June 11.

PLANT SALE

Plant sale this year is going to run a little differently. We cannot have the plant sale before Mother’s Day because of NJASK testing in the school. Information will be coming home and we will be taking pre-orders only.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Volunteers for the committee are Susan Pereira (Chairman), Jenn Rozzo, Maria Grespier, Marlaina Triolo and Carla Robson.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Volunteers for the committee are Doris Finn, Kyle Robbins, Dorothy Pepi, Karen Golumbieski and Janice Hanar.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.