

New Monmouth PTA General Meeting Minutes

March 10, 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 January 13, 2009 and accepted for file by Heather Neubacher & Carla Robson.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Pepi)

The report was read and accepted for file by Christine Koenig & AnnMarie Marano

President's report (Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins)

Family Fun night went great! Thanks to all who came out and joined us.

1st Vice President (Barbara DePalo)

Chuck E Cheese fundraiser was successful. We received a check for \$290.00. We will be planning a "used" book sale in the Spring. Please let us know if anyone is interested in helping out. Gertrude Hawk was \$7000. We get half of that back. Thanks for your orders.

2nd Vice President (Patty Martinsen)

No report!

Corresponding Secretary (Gina Cavanagh)

We received a thank you from Nurse Gavin and Nurse Esther for their Christmas gifts, Miss Becky and Ms. Ganz for their classroom games, and Colleen Kriten and Eileen Coleman for our condolences.

We sent flowers to Jane Miller and Cathy Serman for their losses.

We sent sympathy cards to Kim Cavelli, Colleen Kriten and Peggy Bernstein for their losses.

Principal's Report

- * Thank you for the check for \$1250 from the Great Race.
- * We are participating in the "Hugs for Haley" bracelets.
- * Kindergarten registration to date is 40 students enrolled.
- * Jump Rope for Heart was incredibly successful this year. Our students raised \$10,300 for the Heart Association.
- * We are getting ready to say goodbye to our 5th Graders. We are sending them over to Thorne soon for a tour of the school.
- * We have an increase in the partnership that we have with the Community YMCA. We are one of the first schools that have incorporated programs to offer to our students. Everyone seems to be enjoying this association very much.
- * Thank you to Mrs. Fessel for the idea of celebrating Girls Scout Week. The girls had a great time. We have 107 girls who participate in the Scouts.
- * Science Share was successful. It was the biggest one we have ever had to date. Thank you for all your hard work.
- * NJACT tests are coming up in April. Review materials will be going home with students. They will also be preparing for the test during the day at school.
- * We are making great progress with our Literacy Initiative program. In doing a review, we have discovered that our students are improving at great lengths in their literacy skills and are moving up the ladder in their reading levels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BINGO NIGHT

It was great. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to all volunteers.

VARIETY SHOW

Final rehearsal is this week. An email went out to all parents-in-charge to give final details. Flower will be available. Volunteers will be needed for the show. Videos will be available for purchase and a professional DJ will be working with us this year.

WEBSITE

It is up-to-date!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

No report.

PIC / BOE

Budget meeting was held at Middletown South. The proposed budget would generate a 2.6% increase in school taxes. Some of the highlights that were mentioned at the meeting were that they were trying to give us the highest quality education at the lowest possible cost. In those efforts, no new staff members will be added. There will be no new transportation routes added for buses. Utility costs are going to be evaluated. A full detailed report is available on the website. We are all encouraged to go out to vote and approve this budget.

With a show of hands to support the budget, the majority of PTA approves the budget.

FIFTH GRADE

Year Book cover went out. Information regarding pictures will be going out soon. Fundraisers are underway. Wednesday, the 28th is the Burger King fundraiser. You don't have to be a Fifth Grade family to participate! T-Shirt committee is coming up with their ideas for the T-shirts. It should be decided soon.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Samples will be in the lobby. Forms will be going home and also available on the website.

MARKET DAY

No report.

BOX TOPS

We made \$680.00!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Kick off meeting was very informative. We are looking for volunteers this year to make it bigger and better! Information will be going out soon. Fundraisers will include Hat Day, Penny Wars, and Paint the School Purple. The date is June 19.

CLASS TRIPS

Thank you to everyone who did research to help out. We are looking for variety with school trips for our children. Field trips need to support our curriculum in some way. They need to get approved by the district. There are a lot of logistics involved with getting trips approved.

Some trips planned for this year:

Kindergarten classes will be going on a trip in May to the Kateri Environmental Center which is a life science project trip about frogs. This trip costs \$12 per student and bus transportation \$270.

First graders will be going in June to the Puppet Theater in the Atlantic Highlands. This trip costs \$8 and bus transportation \$270.

Second graders are going to the Arts Theater in Manasquan in May. The ticket costs is approximately \$8 and the bus transportation \$270.

Third graders are going to the Count Basie Theater in May. The cost is \$8 per student and bus transportation \$270.

Fourth graders are bringing a "Welcome to New Jersey" program in school. It is a social studies focused program which is done in a game show format.

Fifth graders are attending a Blue Claws game. Tickets are \$12.50 each and bus transportation is \$500.00

High School North runs a musical production which our 2nd and 3rd graders attend every year. It is in May.

Poricy Park provides programs for grades 3,4 & 5. The district picks up all of the fees associated with those trips.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.