

# New Monmouth PTA

## General Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2007

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Meeting was called to order by Karen Mastria at 7:30 p.m.

### **Recording Secretary (Marlaina Triolo)**

The minutes were passed out from November 14, 2007 and accepted for file.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The report was read and accepted for file.

### **President's report (Karen Mastria)**

No report.

### **1st Vice President (Kyle Robbins)**

Kids Stuff books are still in progress. Just waiting to either collect money or books back from teachers.

### **2st Vice President (Doris Finn)**

Need to remind Head Class Parents to send in their Emergency Telephone Lists as soon as possible.

Market Day is looking for volunteers one evening a month from 6:00 to 7:00 to help unload boxes and put orders together. A very easy way to help out and we are short volunteers! Anyone interested, please see Suzanne Zoda.

### **Corresponding Secretary (Gina Cavanagh)**

The PTA received a thank you notes from Mrs. Chadwick for the flowers that we sent and for our thoughts and warm wishes.

The PTA sent out the following correspondence:

- A sympathy card to Ms. Cusick for the loss of her sister
- A thinking of you card to Ms. McGuire
- A thinking of you card to Mrs. Dailey
- Birthday cards to Ms. Strabel, Rhonda Yabkow, Cathy Roberts, Felicia Froimovitz and Diane Schissler
- Flowers to Dorothy Pepi who had recent surgery

### **Principal's Report**

November 19 will be make-up day for school pictures, Grade 5 group picture and Scout Troop and Band pictures.

Life Touch is providing 2 identification cards for each student for safety measures.

Conferences are now being scheduled at this time.

VOICES is a group designed for parents of special needs children enrolled in special needs programs.

They are going to start producing correspondence electronically to keep parents up to date with the Voices program. We are going to be putting their link on our website.

We got a wonderful donation of \$2000 from the Middletown Education Foundation for a special project. We will be making a book for each child (grades 3 – 5) and each class (grades K – 2). The book will include the child's name, picture, the child's writing projects and art work throughout the year. It can be bought as a keepsake for \$14. The younger children participate by creating a single page and the pages are collected to make a book for the entire class. This is going to strongly support the Writers Workshop we have incorporated and will give the children a great incentive to continue their creative writing. The whole project is projected to cost about \$4000, so this \$2000 check donation is a great down payment for this project. We will be using some of our student activity funds to help out with the rest of the balance.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PIC / BOE**

A copy of the full report is available upon request. Here are some highlights from the BOE meeting on October 22, 2007:

4 Year Old Preschool Program at New Monmouth. The following items were clarified:

- 4 day week program
- 12 student openings to be determined by a lottery
- minimal charge for the program (about \$100 / month)
- transportation provided by the parents
- Mrs. S. Bisgrove has already been trained for the program and a curriculum has been put in place "Tools of the Mind"

### **Relay for Life**

Guest Speaker was Kathleen Gelchion, Director of Special Events for the American Cancer Society. Money is donated and raised for cancer research and education. June 20 – 21<sup>st</sup> is Relay for Life weekend at Mater Dei. February 7<sup>th</sup> is the kick off date and first meeting in St. Mary's cafeteria. Please come and join us to get all the information you may need to get involved. Anybody interested in volunteering their time or participating in the relay can contact Kathleen at 1-800-ACS-2345.

### **Website**

Going strong!

### **Great Race**

The MTF is giving us a check regardless of whether or not we participate or not. We are still going to keep it as a budget item and participate because it is a great day and people look forward to it every year. Johnny Gelatt won the IPOD this year.

### **Market Day**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cookie Dough Fundraiser is ready to begin.

### **School Play**

No chance to change the date! Volunteers need to help teachers take attendance. Practices will be held Nov. 26 – Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following dismissal and play will be held on Friday November 30. Permission slips will be going out this week.

### **Box Top**

Student with most Box Tops get gift certificate to a store and Class with most Box Tops collected gets an ice cream party. Make sure kids have their names on them in a zip lock bag.

### **School Spirit**

Information is going out this week.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

If anybody uses their Target card, they can sign up and mention New Monmouth School as their beneficiary. Money will be donated back to our school at the end of the year for each person who has signed up.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A fundraiser for Lindsay Capatasto will be held on March 14, 2008 at St. Mary's (BYOB). Anybody interested in donating a basket, or volunteering their time, please see Maryanne Ruane. Flyers will be going out soon.

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