

# New Monmouth PTA

## General Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2008

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Meeting was called to order by Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins at 7:44 p.m.

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

The minutes were passed out from October 14, 2008 and accepted for file by Mrs. Dredger and Mrs. MacKay.

### **Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Pepi)**

The report was read and accepted for file by Christine Koenig & Maria Gruspier.

### **President's report (Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins)**

Laminator machine is here! It is easy to use and ready for action. We hope that the teachers are enjoying our new machine.

We got a rocking chair for Mr. McNeil's class and we got a parachute for Ms. McCall's class.

Toner for our copy machine was ordered and will be delivered tomorrow.

### **1st Vice President (Barbara DePalo)**

Fundraising profits: Genevieve \$3780, Kidstuff \$1,075, Perfect Gift Hazlet \$40.

Extra Kidstuff books will be available at Parent/Teacher Conference night. For each book sold for \$25, we get back \$12.50.

Also, the MONMOUTH MALL is offering DOUBLE points till the end of November and from December 1 - 19 points will be TRIPLED. There is info about this on the school website

### **2nd Vice President (Patty Martinsen)**

Class parent emergency phone call lists are past due!! Please hand them in as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

We received a thank you from Mrs. Thompson for the retirement gift she received.

We sent a sympathy card to Lee Ann Reno (para) for her loss and a get well card to Sue Moccoaro (parent).

Membership cards were given to teachers on Monday, so if you haven't received yours, it's coming. To date, we have 206 members!

### **Principal's Report**

Make up for school photos, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class picture and activity pictures (Band, Scouts) will be taken on Monday, November 24.

New Staff members include Laurie Grosse and Jamie Souza (Occupational Therapy), Siobhan Quinn (Spanish) and Jessica Redmond (ESL). Welcome!

Thanks to Christine MacKay for doing such a great job with the play rehearsals. Looking forward to Friday's show!

There are two new YMCA programs available soon: Yoga for Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Karate for 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Information will be sent home and also offered on the Website.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BINGO NIGHT**

We got great gift donations so far. Planning is going great.

### **BOE**

No report.

### **CAMBELL'S LABELS**

No report.

### **GREAT RACE**

It was a rainy day but certainly a good time! We should mention to the committee who runs the race that all age groups should be recognized for winning.

### **MARKET DAY**

No report.

### **WEBSITE**

Christine MacKay did a wonderful slide show presentation. It was very helpful in understanding the New Monmouth and District websites. She showed the ways in which it works and the wonderful areas of information that are available to us.

### **SCHOOL PLAY**

We had a huge turn out with kids and volunteers. Thank you for all of your help. Rehearsals are going good. The children are doing a great job. Show is Friday night @ 7pm. We have so many families participating this year, I would like to suggest having our play at a different venue next year.

### **HOLIDAY CRAFT**

Foodtown is donating all of the cookies this year. Last year there were a lot of complaints from parents regarding the cookies.

Head class parents are responsible for finding out if there are any food allergies in their classes. Forms are going home to remind everyone of this issue. If there are any concerns, please feel free to contact Dorothy Pepi.

### **CELEBRITY READERS**

We have 203 children enrolled this year. It is a great turnout!

### **PIE SALE**

We sold 43 pies and made \$42. Pickup is Tuesday 1:30 – 3:15.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Giving Tree is an idea for the PTA to use as a tool to give the teachers' small gifts that they may need for their classrooms throughout the year. We are going to try to implement this idea in the coming year.

Smart Board information will be coming in January.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.**