

New Monmouth PTA

General Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins at 7:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary (Karen Golembieski)

The minutes were passed out from September 15, 2009 and accepted for file by Ann Marie Marano and Kathy Faaland.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Pepi)

The report was read and accepted for file by Sally Hennessy and Heather Neubacher.

President's report (Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins)

We are going to try and ease people into the "Going Green" thing. For now, there will be hard copies still going home with reminders that additional information and forms can always be found on the New Monmouth School website. Hard copies can always be found in the office. We will encourage more use of the website whenever possible and hopefully once we have our email list finalized we will be able email necessary forms/flyers to people and make more productive use of the website.

1st Vice President (Barbara DePalo)

Genevieve did okay considering the economy. We made \$5,100 in total sales of which we earn a 50% profit. The A&E Clothing Drive did well...we donated 2,400 pounds of clothes, etc. and made a \$300 profit. Next year we will do the fall drive a little later in order to give people time to switch over seasonal clothing before the actual drive. We will also do another one in the spring so start collecting now. Pace Butler is an all year fundraiser in which we earn money for any old cell phones we collect. Drop off boxes in front of office. We have sent in two shipments so far and made \$23 at this point. School Sense Monmouth Mall is still ongoing until December 10, 2009. Remember to show your receipts at Customer Service for credit. School Spirit Day at Monmouth Mall was not that successful but thank you to all who volunteered. Marion Bennett will be selling her Avon Hand Sanitizers as a fundraiser for New Monmouth at all PTA Meetings and teacher conferences as well as being able to order with an order form which can be found online or in the office. There are three different scents and they are only \$1.00 each. KidStuff Books will be on sale until October 20. Flyers went home in the students folders. "Dining to Donate" at TGI Friday's will take place October 13, 14 and 15. Flyer will be posted in website. Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Buck program will run October 9, 2009 – March 25, 2010. Website will have information on how to register online yourself or you can register with Barbara at PTA meetings. "Ecophones" is another recycling program in which we will collect inkjet cartridges, laptop computers, iPods, Microsoft Zune, digital cameras/video cameras and Sony PSP, Nintendo GameBoy, etc.. Nothing needs to work in order to be donated. There will be a box in front of the office. "Goodsearch" is a search engine similar to "Google". Our school is registered and we earn \$0.01 every time it is used by a New Monmouth family. It should ask for your school name when you first use it and then it will automatically credit our school every time it is used after that. "Shop to Earn" is the online shopping fundraiser that runs all year. It can be accessed through the New Monmouth website. Remember it when doing your holiday shopping.

2nd Vice President (Patty Martinsen)

Class Parent/Chairperson Tea was held this week. It went well. BOE Chairperson has been filled by Debbie Serbo.

Corresponding Secretary (Maria Gruspier)

Sympathy cards to: The Murphy Family and the Falco Family on their losses.

Thank You cards were received from Miss K, Mrs. Marzouk and Mrs. Roberts for the Teacher's Lunch. Miss Donna sent Thank You letter for the donation to the Thomas Fette Scholarship Fund.

PTA Membership as of 10/13/09: 214 Total/156 families/35 faculty

Principal's Report

Other ways to help in "going green" would include using both sides of papers when sending information out, using half sheets whenever possible, and trying to avoid duplication of information being sent to our New Monmouth families. Also, if we were to include at the bottom of every hard copy that further information can be found on our website, it might make people realize that the website is an important and useful resource and they might start to use it more.

Picture Day is scheduled for October 22 and 23.

Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 30 at 1:30pm in our school parking lot.

At the November PTA Meeting there will be an overview of the New Monmouth website as well as the District website which was retooled over the summer. Hopefully this will help people navigate both sites better.

Handout distributed regarding the Seasonal and 2009 H1N1 Flu. It will also be posted on the school website. Has lots of good information and refers to another website that will have even more beneficial information about the flu and treatment of the flu.

Another handout was distributed about the "I&RS" policy used in the Middletown School district. I&RS stands for Intervention and Referral Service. This is for general education students who are not classified who may be experiencing any kind of difficulty in school whether it is academic, health related, social behavioral, etc. A referral to an "I&RS" committee can be made by a teacher, another professional in the school or by a parent. The committee consists of Mrs. Chadwick, the Guidance Counselor, the school nurse, the Reading Specialist, the Speech Teacher (if speech is one of the issues), the classroom teacher, any co-teachers that are working with the child and the parent(s). Parents are always invited to these meetings however the parent need not attend in order for the meeting to take place. It is a meeting where all information pertinent to the student and the issues at hand are discussed and an "action plan" is created and put into place. This is a very useful tool in trying to help the student achieve success in the school environment. This is different from the Child Study Team in that these children are not classified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PIC

The meeting was mostly about "S.T.A.M.P." which is the bullying assembly being presented by Jay Banks in the elementary schools district wide this month.

Genevieve's

We had \$5,100 total in sales and the school makes a 50% profit of that total. It is \$2,000 less than last year. Pick up is scheduled for October 27.

Market Day

Pick up was October 6. Next orders are due by October 30 and the next pick up is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10.

Great Race

The date this year is Saturday, October 24 at Middletown North High School. Forms are still available in the office if anyone wishes to sign up. Deadline has been extended to Thursday, October 15. Our school earns money even if you only order a t-shirt. Please think about either joining us or ordering a t-shirt.

Book Fair

Book Fair went well even on the most hectic day. There was \$8,500 in sales which is \$500 down from last year but still good considering the economy. We earned \$2,041 in profit and Scholastic dollars which we use to buy the Science Share books.

School Spirit

The deadline to order has been extended to Friday, October 23. There will be only one sale for the year so make sure you order what you need now!

Website

Our website is up to date. Forms are being added as they come in. Great job Chris!

School Directory

This is still being worked on. Order forms are still available in the office if anyone wishes to order a directory. Reminder to go out about ordering a directory.

Bingo Night

Letters will be going out to October 14 for donations. Class Parents are going to be asked to help with the donations for the Grade Baskets.

Celebrity Readers

Currently in the works.

Hospitality

Great Job Jodi! From this point on, we are going to be calling upon our volunteer bakers for homemade goodies for the various school functions instead of purchasing them.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

“Hugs For Halie” Bingo Night

Plans are in the works for this fundraiser to benefit the Palmer family. Halie Palmer was a former student of New Monmouth School and is currently attending Thorne Middle School. She is recovering from brain cancer. Halie’s prognosis is good and hopefully she will be back in school in January. Save the date...Friday, November 20. It will be held at the Elks Lodge. Flyers will be coming out soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.