

New Monmouth PTA

General Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008

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

Recording Secretary (Marlaina Triolo)

I apologize for any names that may have been misspelled in this report.

The minutes were passed out from June 3, 2008 and accepted for file by Jenn Rozzo & Mindy Doherty.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Pepi)

The report was read and accepted for file by Christine & Mary Falcon.

President's report (Doris Finn & Kyle Robbins)

We have a lot of things coming up this year. Book Fair and School Spirit are the same as last year. We are having some new things to look forward to as well. Bingo Night, Bring your Family to School Week, Game Night, Health & Fitness Week are to name a few. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let us know.

Book Fair Committee needs volunteers to help out on Back to School Night. Please help out if you are available.

1st Vice President (Barbara DePalo)

Genevieve books went home today and are due back on the 29. You can also go on-line to preview the catalog and order. Some new fundraising ideas for the year are BJ's Wholesale Club, Chuck E Cheese and Salad Works. Any other suggestions are welcome.

2nd Vice President (Patty Martinsen)

PTA committee programs went home today. Class parent forms are going out tomorrow. Please volunteer to help out if you are available. We need committee chairpeople for a few committees such as Daily Whale, Para Appreciation, Relay for Life, Science Share and School Spirit.

Corresponding Secretary (Gina Cavanagh)

Correspondence sent:

- Get Well arrangement to Miss Lynch
- Flowers to Patty Martinsen for her loss
- Gift and cards to Mr. Abbott and Mrs. Thompson for their retirement

Correspondence received:

- Thank You from Tyler Maxson for our donation to the Bike Safety Rodeo Eagle Project

Tonight kicks off our membership drive for the PTA. It is so important to be members and pay dues to the National PTA. We will have a table at Back to School night collecting Membership forms.

Principal's Report

Hello and welcome to all of our new parents this year. Thank you to the PTA for helping out in the parking lot. It really made the first week back to school run smoothly.

Back to School night is Monday, September 22.

There have been some staff changes this year. Mrs. K took over for Mrs. Thompson in 2nd grade. Miss Lynch is recuperating from a car accident and Mrs. Romanski, who retired two years ago, has come back to help out in the 5th grade.

A new program this year is broad language for our Autistic students. Sign language will be taught as a new language in the program.

Our new nighttime custodian is Robert Dotts.

There are a few new administrative this year. Tracy Casea is the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services and Education Research. Fred Carrick is the Assistant Superintendent for Accountability. This is a temporary position because of a program called Q-SAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum). Kimberly Honnick is the District Director of Curriculum, and Dorothy McMullen is the District Director of Pupil Services.

There are a few things I would like to talk about that I will go into more detail at Back to School Night. It is an overview of the Ideal Model grades K – 3 and grades 4 – 8. It is a model of delivery of instruction that is highly based on improving children's literacy. It provides additional support in every classroom. There will be a co-teacher in every single classroom for part of the day so that we can cut the student to adult ratio in half.

Another thing that is happening this year that is different is the Integrated Services Model for any kind of therapy (speech, occupational or physical). They are being pushed into the classroom so that the children aren't pulled out of the classroom and missing work. The same thing is happening with our Gifted and Talented program. The teachers are going into the classroom instead of pulling the children out.

We had an unanticipated fire drill that was caused by the power outage we experienced during the thunder storm last Wednesday. Apparently, it fried a sensor in our fire system. There was nothing wrong, but we had to respond to the alarm and evacuate the building. We did so in 1 minute and 40 seconds. It was fantastic and the kids were great. The Fire Marshall found the problem and reset the system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PIC

No meeting as of yet.

Genevieve's

Books went out today.

Market Day

Pick up was last week. The new deadline for orders is Tuesday, September 30. Pick up is Tuesday, October 7. If anyone would like to help out, please volunteer.

Great Race

The date this year is Saturday, October 25 at Middletown South High School. Please think about it and join us.

Book Fair

We are setting up Monday morning and we can use volunteers during the week. A reminder flier will go home.

School Spirit

Samples will be out on Back to School Night so you can see the sizes and pick what you want to order.

Fifth Grade

We had our first meeting for this year. Paper work will be going home.

Website

Our website is up-to-date. Forms are being added as they come in. I would like a complete list of all of the staff changes. I would like to add e-mail links on the staff page.

School Directory

This is an easy way to communicate during the school year. It only costs \$5.00 and is a very helpful tool to have at hand at home!

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Budget Vote

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.