

PGAEE PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by PTO President, Jen LeVan with 12 members present. Jen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary minutes from November 20, 2008 were reviewed, and approved on a motion from Christen Weaver, and seconded by Patti Kreiser. The treasurer's report was given by Angela Lenge, treasurer, and approved on a motion by Fawn Sirbaugh, and seconded by Maryann Wike.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Elementary School Sign – Christen reported that all is going well. She realizes now because of the cold weather that the sign definitely was not fixed. The gap seems to get larger as the temperature drops. Patti Kreiser suggested having her husband, Kevin, look at it but probably shouldn't be fixed until the spring.
2. Box Tops – Maryann reported the November winners. Kindergarten: Mrs. Lehman – 308 boxtops; 1st Grade: Mrs. Graham – 326 boxtops; 2nd Grade: Mrs. Skripko – 99 boxtops; 3rd Grade: Mrs. Reimer – 269 boxtops; 4th Grade: Mrs. Moyer – 112 boxtops. And December winners. Kindergarten: Mrs. Lehman – 130 boxtops; 1st Grade: Miss Schneck – 244 boxtops; 2nd Grade: Mrs. Skripko – 206 boxtops; 3rd Grade: Miss McGinley – 144 boxtops; 4th Grade: Mrs. Readinger – 260 boxtops. Maryann stated that winners of the pizza party was Mrs. Skripko's 2nd grade class. The party took place on December 11th.
Campbell's Soup Labels – Maryann reported that she will be sending 3,029 points into the company. After that, we will have 4,259 points to date.
Recycling – Patti reported that she received an \$18.40 check for the box she sent on November 21st. She also stated that she sent in another small box last week. Patti reported that the company sent her a notice that they are now accepting laptops and ipods. It was unanimously decided to stick with what we have been doing and not advertise the new information.
3. Bulletin Board – Patti says everything is up-to-date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Playground Equipment – Jen stated that nothing new was discussed about the purchase of a new piece of playground equipment. Donna Raudabaugh said she will take the responsibility of choosing the equipment.
2. Videotaping Chorus/Band Concerts – Some DVD's were returned to us. We sent them back informing parents that if they press the play button twice, they work. Nothing has been sent back so that must have solved the problem. Grade 4 has a chorus concert on April 7th and the Spring Band Concert is on May 7th. Someone will be needed to record both of these performances.
3. Scholastic Dollars – At this time we have \$180.00 in our account. It was decided that since we will not lose the money, we will save it and add to it next years amount. There is a 2 year deadline before the money has to be spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Dawn Singers – Jen booked them for May 22nd. The price has not changed since last year.
2. Traveling Rain Forest – At the October meeting we voted to pay \$4000 for the 4 days. Ms. Bowen recently found out that the price is actually \$11,000 - \$7,000 more than originally told. After further discussion, we agreed to pay the amount originally voted on. The date for this is May 26th – 29th.

3. February Event – Ms. Bowen suggested to Jen that she could have the school open to families one night in February. Possibly having different activities in different rooms. After we discussed it, it was decided that it would be a lot of work and due to the lack of volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do it.
4. CHIP Program – Jen would like to bring this program back. We haven't done it for 3 years. The cost of this is very high but it includes fingerprinting, video taping and swabbing the child's mouth. Jen said she would call and find out about possibly getting a deal where we wouldn't have to pay the entire cost.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Bicycle Helmet Fundraiser – Donna Raudabaugh suggested doing this again. Patti Kreiser said she will get in contact with Brenda White to get information about it.
2. Annual Raffle – It has been decided that we will be holding the 3rd Annual PTO Raffle again this year. During the last week of March one ticket will be sent home with each child to sell. We will have a 5-6 week selling period and could possibly choose the winners at the band concert in May. Final decisions will be made and prizes will be chosen at a later meeting – possibly gift cards from Walmart and Hess and cash.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM. Our next meeting will be held on February 19, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Felty, PGAE PTO Secretary