

PTO MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 12, 2011

Meeting Location: School Library

Attendees: Brandi Day, Jo Ann Cranford, Jennifer Atkinson, Torri Colts, Brenda Neu, Lori Meibers, Vicki Trent, Michelle Clevenger, Jennifer Puthoff, Diane Huntsbarger, Susan Garver, Al Dudley, Kristen Mulligan, Scott Schwinnen, Michelle Donisi

I. Call To Order

- The meeting was called to order by Brandi Day (President). Meeting was begun with reading the schools mission statement.

a. Invocation

- Mrs. Neu thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting, and lead the group with Prayer “The Our Father”

II. Minutes:

a. Approval of Minutes from 05/09/2011 meeting

- Motion was placed to approve the minutes by Diane Huntsbarger, attendees approved minutes

III. Officers’ Reports

a. Treasurer Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>5/9/11-9/12/11</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>5/9/11-9/12/11</u>
Mindlin	\$46.00	A. Barger (1st Communion)	\$60.00
Fish Fry Rebate	\$120.00	M. Donisi (1st Communion)	\$135.96
Mindlin	\$54.25	M. Clevenger (1st Communion)	\$28.35
Market Day (May)	\$240.38	L. Meibers (Field Day)	\$200.00
Market Day (June)	\$143.94	Grippa Foods (Field Day)	\$111.00
Mindlin	\$54.75	L. Meibers (Field Day)	\$52.15
Market Day (July-late)	\$66.24	N. Stratton (8th Grade Grad.)	\$99.90
Target	\$717.40	J. Dials (8th grade Grad.)	\$40.94
		J-23rd Library Tables	\$1,448.76
		B. Day (Ice Cream Social)	\$58.15
		J-23rd (classroom allocation)	\$3,280.00

b. President Report

- Secretary position is still open. If anyone know of individuals who are interested if they could contact Brandi Day
- The PTO now has a link on the school website to place information for our families to read. Currently the welcome letter that went home the first week of school is posted. In addition the PTO has an email address for the current and future Presidents to use so that all emails can be standardized and centralized.
- With the attempt to conserve paper and to go GREEN, the minutes will be emailed to the Board Members and all committee leaders. In addition, the minutes from each meeting will be posted on the website for review. A small amount will be printed for the Nov 14th meeting, but going forward they will be emailed and on the website

for review. The only printed material that will be provided at the meeting will be the treasurer's report and the meeting agenda.

IV. Principal's Report

- Discussion was held regarding Curriculum Night and possibly changing the format so that parents could have more time to ask questions.
- Iowa Achievement Testing will be the 1st two weeks of October
- Picture Day October 7, 2011
- Free Friday Performance (Mad River Theater Group October 21 @10am)
- Appalachian Music Assembly October 23 @1:30pm
- Roman Missile Changes more information will be sent via email
- Magazine Kick off is September 16th

b. Teacher Report

- The teachers wished to thank the PTO for the classroom allocations. It was greatly appreciated
- Grade 1: We are making the transition from Kindergarten to First Grade
- Grade 4: Going to the Hamilton Water Festival October 14
- Grade 6: Doing a great job of adjusting to "life" at this "new" end of the building! Also will be going to the Renaissance Festival on Sept 29
- Art Class: Lots of exciting changes to traditional junior high projects.
 1. 8th Grade: Students are selecting 1 of 5 pop artist to be inspired by and study.
 2. 7th Grade: Self portraits can be drawn with pencil, colored w/marker or collaged w/magazine scraps.
 3. 6th Grade: Castles have shrunk in size bit added texture and rier slo;;s
 4. 4th & 5th Grade: Creating sculptures from recycled, reused, repurposed and trashed items
 5. 3rd Grade: Creating radial balance kaleidoscope designs.
 6. 2nd Grade: Working with line type drawing of a tree
 7. 1st Grade: Illustrating horizontal, vertical & diagonal line in a city skyline silhouette
 8. Kindergarten: Working with line and color by studying the artist Piet Mondrian

V. Committee Reports

a. Falcon Fix It

- Backboard was fixed

b. Falcon Philosophers

- Right to Read Week is 4 days after Spring Break.

c. Volunteers

- Getting ready for Picture Day on October 7

- All grades have room mothers assigned and their first project is the Themed Basket for the Fun Fest.

d. Box Tops

- The collection of the summer box tops gave the PTO approximately \$862. A popcorn party will be given to the homeroom that had 500.
- A motion was set forth to approve an allocation of \$100 annually for prizes. Motion was approved by committee and attendees.

e. Welcoming

- Great communication between new parents

f. Sign Board

- Anything the PTO and/or committee leaders needs to have placed on the sign board needs to be emailed to Kristen Mulligan

g. Value Vouchers

- The office will be handling Gift Cards this year. Students will be able to pick their prize as well as be recognized in the schools newsletter.

h. Market Day

- Consistently profiting \$2700
- A new Market Day sales rep has been assigned to our school
- We are in need of some help on pick up days, possibly some 7th or 8th graders. Vicki will contact the Religion teacher to see about getting some students to sign up and possibly sending a letter home so that the parents are aware of what the students are signing up for.

i. Cafeteria Volunteers

- Good turn out

VI. Old Business

a. Earth Dome

- The approximate cost of the project would around \$2000-\$3000 compared to the Mobile Ed that was only \$755 and was a good quality. In the nature of time the decision was made to table discussions on this matter until the November meeting.

b. Gym Ventilation

- Quote came in from the Athletic Board at approximately \$14,000. The PTO had decided last school that it would contribute to the completion of the project. However, we are not sure if this is a priority for the Athletic Board this year. Brenda Neu (School Principal) and Brandi Day (PTO President) will need to get further information to discuss at one of the upcoming meetings. (Discussion was tabled for a later date)

c. Ice Cream Social

- The social went extremely well. All the children enjoyed the ice cream; most of the children came back for 2nds and 3rd servings. Next year we will need to purchase at least 20 gallons of ice cream.

VII. New Business

a. Fun Fest

- Schedule for Oct 15 (4weeks away)
- New this year will be vendor opportunities to also engage the adults at the event. Flyers for Sponsorship and Vendor registration will go out via email on Sept 16, 2011
- Teacher volunteer sign ups are due on September 16, 2011
- The Meibers Family will run the Cake Walk and the flyers will be sent home with the students on September 19,2011 and are due on October 3, 2011
- Volunteer Reminder emails will go out on September 30, 2011
- Preschool Invitation Letters will go out the week of October 3, 2011
- Each week until Fun Fest the information will be sent out to families via the electronic newsletter.
- Currently there was no Big Ticket Raffle item donated to raffle off to raise money for the PTO. Last year a IPAD was donated and raised around \$2000. A item will need to be decided on, possible suggestions (Kindle, Nintendo DS, IPOD touch, IPAD)

b. Market Day-Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- A lot of discussion surrounding continuing to do the Cookie Dough fundraiser or trying something different.
- Brenda expressed concerns about anything that would require us to pre-send materials home with students prior to payment and would require students to do any type of door-to-door sales.
- Peelers and Entertainment books were also discussed as potential replacements.
- For the sake of time and additional discussion this topic was tabled for the November meeting.

VIII. Announcements

- PTO Secretary Position Open, if any one is interested please have them contact Brandi Day

IX. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 8:15pm
- Next Meeting: November 14, 2011 @ 7pm