



Franklin School PTA Meeting Minutes October 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.
Francine Vespucci read the treasurer's report:

Market Day - \$340.90
Kid Stuff - \$3175.00
Catalog Sale - \$1999.20

Old Business:

Ella Wink Scholarship - no decision as to the fundraiser has been made yet.

Babysitting - Erica Steinberg started for tonight's meeting. We are still looking for a high school student to help.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

- Membership - Stephanie Rheinhardt reported that there are 196 members so far.
- Box Tops - Geri Dassapan reported that 116 children returned forms and we made \$421.30 in 2 months (excluding Mrs. Allen's class) and that the check should be arriving in December. Winners will be chosen every other month to win a \$5 gift card to Target. Mrs. Freund's 2nd grade class was presented last Friday at the assembly with the trophy for September. They had 260 box tops. Mrs. Leonhard's class was 2nd with 247.
- Market Day - no report this month.
- Trunk or Treat - Elaine Honig said that it will be held on Thursday, October 29th at 7pm.
- BJ's - Nidia mentioned that the current memberships will be extended for 15 months at a discounted rate. Forms can be found online and should be returned to the school. Anyone, even outside of the school, can participate, so please spread the word.
- Soldier Collection - There will be a collection of candy and magazines to be sent overseas to the troops. A flyer will be sent home later this week with more details.
- Reflections - Michelle Stein reported that everything has been sent out for the program and information will be posted on the PTA bulletin board. The committee will also be contacting past participants to hang displays.
- Cultural Arts - Tamara Hageneder reported on the 10/9 assembly on how to go green. The performance was paid for by Clean Communities in town. Tamara asked the PTA to vote on \$250 to pay for a grant writer. She will locate available grants and we choose which ones we would like to apply to. We would then pay for each grant she writes. (she gets paid by the hour and we cap the hours) It can take approximately 1 month to find grants. Voted on and passed
Tamara also mentioned that author Bruce VanPatter will be coming in December to do workshops with the 1st - 4th graders. He will ask the students questions and then draw illustrations. A book will be the result at the end of the day and it will be kept in the library. Tamara asked if the PTA would purchase 10 or 11 of his books for the library with a cost of around \$100. Voted on and passed.
- Bingo - Elaine explained that this event is taking place on January 15, 2010 and that we need volunteers. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Also, a suggestion box will be placed in the main hallway to collect suggestions as to what to spend the money on. Cybil Donnelly will take care of the box.
- Publicity - Lisa Muscatello said that she needs pictures of all school events.

- Friend Finder – Michelle Danielson said that the 4th graders will be voting on the cover tomorrow morning and the winner will be announced by 11am. The books will be printed within the week and will be distributed by the end of the month.

Teachers' Comments – none, except that they are “happy”.

Principal's Comments:

Sneaker Recycling program through Nike will begin and we are looking for a volunteer to chair.

Bottle caps – start sending them in.

Parent Teacher Conferences – next week Tuesday through Friday

Book Fair – will take place with the parent teacher conferences.

Fire Prevention Program – Friday, October 16th at 9:30am and 1:30pm

Back to Basics Workshops – Tuesday, November 17th at Lincoln Roosevelt – Math – Mrs. Prestamo will be presenting what you can do to help at home with Math.

Parent Visitation Day – Wednesday, November 18th – am session 9:15-10:30/pm session 1:15-2:30

Veteran's Day Program – Wednesday, November 11th at 9am. 20-30 minute flag raising ceremony and all vets are welcome. Veteran's pictures will be displayed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm