

Lincoln Roosevelt PTA Meeting Minutes
For
January 21, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm by Tammy Kistner.

Secretary's Report – Kelly Herraiz

Minutes approved by Alana Hayford and Terese Guerrero.

Treasurer's Report – Alana Hayford

November-December disbursements were reviewed.

President's Report – Tammy Kistner

Budget – We had \$2000 in unexpected expenses – IRS, CRI penalties, bounced check fees. Therefore the budget was frozen. All the numbers were crunched and we found that we do have money available. Between Dec 31st and Jun 30th, we will have \$3921.24 available. Therefore, we will give back \$1000 to Family Fun Night, \$250 to Teacher Appreciation, \$1450 to Cultural Arts, and in May, we will give Mr. Curtis \$1000.

Family Fun Night is set for Friday March 26th. Ideas??? Bingo Night, Bowling Night, Author Visit, Fine Arts Night, Mini Golf Night, Snakes and Scales were all suggested. Mr. Curtis suggested to come up with 3 ideas and have the students vote.

Cultural Arts – Art of Chinese Dancers show will go on....in May.

Fundraising – the two students that won the top prize for the Fall Fundraiser have not yet received their TVs. Tammy will look into with MetroPlan.

Spelling Bee Prize – PTA gives \$30 to winners. \$15 gift cards to Barnes & Noble will be given to winners of Spelling Bee and Geography Bee.

Committee Reports

Board of Ed Rep – Mr. Curtis

Genesis is up and running. Grades 5-12 will increase instructional math time. There will be 2 special budget meetings on 2/4 and 2/10 in the L/R auditorium at 6pm. Next year for 6th grade, there will be a 4 teacher team (from a 5 teacher team) because there will be an increase to 70 min periods for math. Language Arts and Reading would be combined into one 70 min period (instead of two 40 min periods). Social Studies and Science would have to be shortened, 3 weeks of SS, then 3 weeks of Science. L/R failed according the NJASK results. Out of 41 categories, we passed 40 but failed in the Special Education area.

Market Day – Tammy Kistner

January's profit \$137.61.

Mini-Grant – Tammy Kistner

Still have money remaining (\$1130) and a note will be put in the teacher's mailboxes.

Bensi – Terri Belcher

In December, we raised \$224 and \$134.11. We will do a Superbowl Sunday fundraiser (catering platters and dinner). Mr. Curtis would like to do Bensi in February to cover the teacher's stipend (\$1500) for the Camp Fairview trip up in Sussex County. He does not want taxpayer money to have to cover this.

Spiritwear – Terri Belcher

We made \$643 profit. Will do a spring sale to include shorts, tank tops, water bottles, coolers, towels, umbrellas, tote bags, and reusable grocery bags. Sale will start the first week in March. Will last 2 weeks and orders should be back by April.

There are items left over from Fall sale. If we sell them, we will have \$296 in addition to profits. Terri will have an email blast sent for the extras. First come, first serve basis.

Holiday Shopping – Tammy Davis

Very happy with the company. Went really well. Barely needed to pack up left over inventory. Next year should hold it before Thanksgiving due to early Hanukkah. There were on-line inventory problems that Tammy had to manually fix.

Book Fair – Donna Rassmussen

Week of February 27th. Will do the One for Books charity again but this time, will do the \$1 donation plus a book. Will try to do a classroom challenge.

Principal's Report – Mr. Curtis

Thank you for doing the questionnaire. We had over 500 responses.

Haiti relief is going great. In 2 days, we have \$700 already. Will continue to do Save the Children.

Aluminum recycling – we have bags in the basement.

Presented the L/R budget. The Board has approved American History in 5th and 6th grade. 5th grade is early exploration to American Revolution. 6th grade is American Revolution to Industrial Revolution.

Called a book binder to try to solve the issue of not enough history textbooks. If we purchased a new set of textbooks (right now 5th and 6th graders share the set) it would cost about \$25,000 for 350 new books. The book binder can cut the texts and rebind and it would cost \$5600 (all students would have text books – no sharing needed).

Open Items

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.