

PTA Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2011
8:45 am
Multi Purpose Room

Minutes

Call to Order: Sandra Brenner called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

Attendance: 18 people were in attendance at the meeting

Approval of the October PTA Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes stand as they are.

Witches' Delight Report

- Kathy Cole reported on Witches' Delight proceeds.
- Witches' Delight brought in \$17,400.
- The auction team from this year is retiring. New auction chairs will be needed for next year.
- So far there is \$30,000 profit from the auction but after "left over" items are bid on and purchased the auction profit may be at \$33,000 - \$35,000.
- Putting Witches' Delight sponsorships in the Back to School packet was great.
- The PTA may want to consider putting something in the Back to School packet about the auction.
- People still need to pay for the items they bid on and won. Currently the committee has only received about \$18,000 in payments.
- The Witches' Delight and auction committee cannot close the event until everyone pays.

Treasurer's Report:

- Checks will be approved in January because the print out of the checks was not available during the meeting.
- October brought in around \$30,000.
- About \$5,200 was brought in with Direct Donations last month. About half of this amount was in matching donations. Nan is still expecting more donations to be received.
- Expenditures were around \$22,000 for the month. About half of this amount was for the carnival rides for Witches' Delight. There will be another large expenditure for the carnival rides. One ride ended up not working and Santa Rita will receive a refund for that ride.

- Copies, art docent, environmental volunteers, literature, hospitality and balls for the playground were some of the other expenses over the last month.
- eScrip used to bring in about \$8,000 to \$9,000 per year. This amount has dropped off over the years. A reminder to folks that they need to register their Safeway card every year. Other cards – credit and debit – do not need to be reregistered every year. A reminder was given to folks to sign up for eScrip so that a percentage of expenditures will be donated to the school.
- Hot lunch brings in about \$1,500 per month.
- More profit than was expected came in from the Bobcat Chase – it was up in income and down in expenses.
- The Birthday Book Club has \$8,000 in donations this year.
- The school supplies budget was \$10,000 but \$14,000 has been received this year.
- Copies – the budget amount is \$12,000 and about a quarter of the amount has been spent.
- Hospitality – about ½ of the budget has been spent so far.
- In general, everything else is on track or way under.

New Business:

- Mr. A has requested a new leaf blower. The expected cost is \$1,000 including tax.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve spending \$1,000 for a new leaf blower for Mr. A.
- Either a separate budget line item will be created for this purchase or the amount will be taken out of the landscape or capital improvement line items.

PTA Membership Update:

- Linda Orandi came in to give an updated on PTA Membership.
- As of November 2011, there are 404 Santa Rita PTA members.
- The goal is to have 95% PTA Membership participation. Last year the participation rate was 92%.
- PTA membership growth is due to a second parent from the same family joining as well. Last year there were only 56 second parent members but this year there are 117 second parent members.
- The PTA Membership committee is looking at ways to get more families to join the PTA but it is also good that there are a lot of second family members as well.
- Membership cards will be distributed with the Class Directories.

Book Fair Update:

- Rebecca Fallow gave an update on the Book Fair.
- Kepler's no longer has their Book Fair program available due to budget constraints so the vendor this year will be a new company called Banana Seed.
- It will be held from December 2 – 9 and volunteers are needed.
- There is a Google Doc available and this is available through a link in the Tracker.

- There are shifts of 3 hours available.
- There will be two special events:
 - Wednesday, December 7 there will be a “personal shopper” morning. There will be a little presentation made and then there will be time for personal consulting for your shopping.
 - Thursday, December 8 there will be the Family Night with teachers reading stories and kids in pajamas welcomed.
- This year instead of teachers writing down what books they would like and folks having to search for them, the teachers will put the books they like in their baskets and folks can pull them out of the basket and purchase them for the teachers.

Mural Update:

- The mural has started being painted along the wall of the multi that faces the playground. It looks great.
- Morgan is getting questions from the students as she is painting it and the students are enjoying seeing the art get created.

President’s Report:

- New lunch table tarps have been approved and will be installed soon. This was money spent by the PTA at the end of last year. The purchase order for the tarps has been submitted. Tarps will be rearranged and the wooden tables will be put under the tarps and the metal tables will be put under the trees since they will be easier to clean when they get covered with sap. Everything will be power washed to get a fresh start.
- There is a new Santa Rita Dad’s Club. The first one will be on Friday, December 2. It is a lunch time club where Dad’s can come and have lunch with their child and lead an activity. There are already 5 – 6 dads signed up for this event. This is a way to get more dads on campus. It will be great to have more of a “dad” presence on campus. Grandpas, uncles, brothers are all welcome too.
- A Science Fair Chair is needed.

Principal’s Report

- On December 1, a group is coming in to learn about Blended Learning.
- December 1 will also be the Kindergarten Information Night. The date for this has been moved up to try to keep competitive with the private schools who are typically holding their Kindergarten Information Nights now as well.
- At the Kindergarten Informational night, there will be a discussion about the “transitional kindergarten” requirements from the state. Next year there will be one “transitional kindergarten” class housed at Almond for those students whose birthday falls between November 3 and December 2. This is because the date for kindergarten entry is being pushed back from December to September. This “transitional kindergarten” program will be an ongoing requirement from the

state. Children will go to the “transitional kindergarten” program and then the next year they would go into regular kindergarten. This will be a ½ day afternoon kindergarten class.

- Parent Conferences – these are happening now. Let Sandra know if there is something that is not addressed by the teacher.
- LEAP Feedback – Please give Sandra any feedback on the LEAP program. Some students did not know why they were in certain groups. Does not seem like students are grouped into areas where they could get the most out of the dedicated instructional time.

Mrs. Nohejl’s’ class came in to give a demonstration of the square dancing they have been learning in Physical Education.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am.