

Frank Allis/Nuestro Mundo PTA

Minutes

November 14, 2006

The Taste of Allis event was moved to February, so the PTA met as usual this time.

Principals' Update (Chris Hodge and Gary Zehrbach)

- Chris Hodge won 1st prize in the Chili Cook-off!
- The school district is asking principals to communicate to parents that there is an equity Web site where parents can participate in answering questions about equity in the schools. Need to complete by Thanksgiving.
- Goal of 100% participation in parent/teacher conferences.
- Parking on Jerome
 - Community meeting held recently on the issue. Five families on the street started a petition to restrict parking on the street. The temporary parking restriction was reviewed but no agreement was reached.
 - A letter was sent to the school board asking them to allocate money to deal with the parking issue.
- Will invite parents to the school for two coffees.
 - The first will be January 19th around 9 a.m. for an hour in the teacher's lounge (old music room).
 - Principals will be available to answer questions.
- Family Game Night was great! About 280 people came and lots of staff participated.
- Safety update
 - All doors are locked at 8:45 a.m. (except main entrance).
 - Teachers have keys that they use even during recess.
 - Principals are asking all visitors to sign in at the front office.
 - Art Rainwater has mandated that all staff wear orange vests.
 - Evacuation sites: K-2 goes across the street to Lake Edge Church, grades 3-5 go to the church on Monona Drive.
 - Another intruder drill scheduled for next year.
- Parents need to call or send a note with their child if the child is supposed to take a different bus home. Staff will place kids on their normal buses, even if the child tells them otherwise, unless they have heard from the parents.
- Above the Line
 - Presentation to staff planned for December to help them get on board with how to implement it.
 - Presentation to parents planned for January or February.

President's Update (Kelly Williams-Schmaltz)

- Kelly has looked into the issue of how to convert the PTA to a PTO and the advantages and disadvantages of doing so. Apparently we don't need to maintain as many officer positions with the PTA as we thought. PTA generally is more restrictive than a PTO, and you can now get insurance and support from a state PTO organization.
- Kelly will invite a PTO representative to an upcoming meeting to give us more information and answer questions.
- We're overdue in updating our bylaws. Sharon will assist Kelly with this.

Family Movie Night

Kelly looked into the possibility of showing movies at the school in the evening for families. It costs money (\$75) to license a movie for showing to a group even if the show is free, and there are restrictions associated with showing movies on computers as well.

Book Fair Event

Kim Linsenmayer raised the idea of pursuing a family night in conjunction with the Book Fair. We could invite families to the school for an evening and have storytellers, a used book collection, etc., along with the opportunity to buy books. The teachers are already planning a literacy event of some sort for next semester, so we could see if there is an opportunity for the PTA to help. Kim will follow up with Nancy Engle, the school's new librarian.

Family Game Night

The PTA approved contributed \$100 to the recent Family Game Night to assist with costs.

Committee Updates

Fundraising (Sharon Johnson)

- Have sold 60 Bucky Books.
- Trying to get word out about SCRIP program. Families purchase gift cards at stores they shop (groceries, gas, etc.) and a percentage of the funds goes back to the school.
- We're saving for fieldtrip T-shirts for all of the kids.

Craft Fair (Chris Johnson and Sayhra Schiro)

- The event went very well. Very gratified that so many volunteers helped out.
- Made \$900 and keeping \$500 to use for advertising next year's event better.

Market Day (Rae Carmen)

- We made almost \$300 this month. Sold 94 pies.
- Need volunteers to help out with order distribution for the cookie promotion month early next year.

Box Tops (Sharon Bobeck)

- We'll get \$801 next month as a result of the box tops and labels collections.

Taste of Allis

- This event has been rescheduled for February.

Treasury Update (Sheryl Terry)

- Sheryl is our new Treasurer.

Next meeting

The December meeting is focused on the budget only. The next full PTA meeting will be in January.