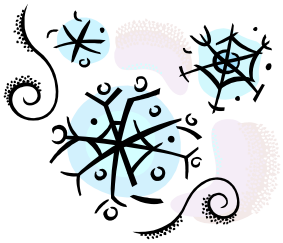
Zionsville Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes



January 13, 2009

The Zionsville Middle School PTO met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 9:15am at Zionsville Middle School, Room 516.

Present: Frances Pokrifcak, Mary Ortyl, Jami Farrell, Ann Hall, Shannon Ross, Julie Rauschuber, Chantelle Dodson, Dee Dee Madaris, Erin Wilson, Mary Hilton, Angie Leary, Kay Stebbins, Becky Coffman, and Jill Sibila

President Frances Pokrifcak called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Frances welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mary Ortyl moved for the approval of the ZMS PTO December 2008 minutes. Jami Farrell seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

Principal's Report – Becky Coffman

- Visits to the local elementary schools have begun. The fourth graders will be visiting ZMS on February 5th.
- Proposals have been sent out to the teachers for the summer enrichment programs.
- Becky Coffman gave a demonstration of the new Bamboo software that teachers can use to demonstrate class lessons.
- The 5/6 student council is hosting a school supply drive.
- The Philanthropy Club is collecting money at lunch for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Treasurer – Frances Pokrifcak for Brian Biggs

- There is a projection of $2,000 deficit for the end of the year. However, the Amazon fundraiser has not been accounted for and will counteract this balance.

Membership – Julie Rauschuber

- Checks are still trickling in.
- The committee is considering not offering incentives next year.
- The committee is exploring the possibility of sponsors.

Secretary - Jill Sibila

- Nothing to report.

Vice President - Jami Farrell

- The Fifth Grader Community Service Program collected 1500 new and gently used books.
- Mike's Car Wash tickets will be sold in April. This is a service, not a fundraiser. There are 250 tickets to sell and PTO will receive half of the ticket price.
- A tentative date of February 23 is set for a ZMS Day fundraiser at Monicals pizza. PTO is waiting on approval. Also looking into the possibility of having the Student Ambassadors welcome guests at Monicals.

- Frances Pokrifcak has been in contact with the Innsbrook representative in regards to selling school supplies at Back to School Days.

Newsletter – Dee Dee Medaris

- Deadline for February is Jan. 20.

Spirit Wear-Frances Pokrifcak

- Through PTO, two ZMS students were sponsored to receive a Pajama Gram.
- Spirit Wear will most likely not have a "spring line".
- Under Armour sweatshirts and football jerseys are available for purchase until January 20.

Student Appreciation - Frances Pokrifcak for Jill Lange

- Suckers will be purchased by PTO for all students.

Staff Appreciation-Frances Pokrifcak reporting for Angela Carr

- The committee has received some thank you notes from appreciative staff.
- The cookie walk will be held on February 5 in the LGI room.
- Planning for the Staff Appreciation luncheon will begin soon.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation week is May 3-9. Frances will approach the committee to perhaps coordinate the date.
- Becky Coffman offered that the Student Ambassadors are already working on various projects to recognize our teachers and staff during the week of May 3-9.

Book Fair-Rose-Ann Mazanek

- Book Fair will be held during the week of Spring Fling, April 20-24.

Wellness - Erin Wilson

- The mileage program will begin again in the spring. Weather will determine whether the program begins before or after Spring Break.
- Work on the Health Fair continues.
- The Running Forum is interested in sponsoring a running program here at ZMS. Information was passed along to Erin Wilson.

Box Tops- Frances Pokrifcak for Carol Mead

- Number of collected box tops is down.
- The recycled chair will remain in Mr. Elkins class until a February winner is named.
- Box Tops awarded Community Service Bonus Points for the following programs: 5th Grade Service Club, 5th Grade Book Drive, Home For The Holidays, and Change a Child's Christmas.

5/6 Fun Night-Frances Pokrifcak for Chantelle Dodson

- The 5/6 Fun Night will be held on Friday, February 20 from 3:00-5:00pm. Activities include a bounce house, obstacle course and a DJ. There is no charge for admission. Concessions will be sold.
- A volunteer meeting is scheduled for Jan. 14 at 9:30am.

7/8 Upper-class Night- Kay Stebbins

- The 7th/8th Grade Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, March 20 from 6:00-8:00pm.
- There will be no monetary charge, only a can good for admittance.
- Activities include games, inflatables, a DJ, and Guitar Hero/Rock Band.
- Concessions will be sold.

Reality Store- Mary Ortel

- Planning is going well.

Change a Child's Christmas- Frances Pokrifcak for Sue Trewartha

- From the $3370 that was raised, $150 was given to LAP, $85 to the Judy Holman Fund, plus 15 families were supported for the holidays.
- Home for the Holidays provided 19 totes of food and drink to needy students and their families. This included $240 and 450 individual sized items.

Z'Run- Frances Pokrifcak for Angela Baker

- Z-Run is scheduled for April 25.
- Three sponsors are on board.
- Committee is encouraging people to volunteer.

8th Grade Party- Ann Hall

- A planning meeting scheduled for February 5 at 9:30.
- Party is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 from 6:00-8:00pm.

8th Grade Field Day

- Nothing to report.

New Business

Memorial Bench Project- Julie Rauschuber

- Bench is installed and paid for.
- The Sentinel Times came out to cover the story.
- Once the article is published, thank you letters will be sent to all contributors.
- A walking path to the bench is being considered.

PTO Board Search- Jami Farrell

- A thank you to all of those who have signed up.
- If you would like to volunteer and have not signed up, please contact Jami Farrell.

ZEF Luncheon- Frances Pokrifcak

- ZEF Luncheon will be held on February 24 from 11am-2pm at Boone Meadow School.
- Tickets are $50 each.

Announcements

The next ZMS PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 9:15am at ZMS in room 516.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sibila
Secretary