

PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2009

People present: Dawn McKnight, Mary Ortyl, Carol Mead, Kirsten Wujek, Molly Murphy, Angie Leary, Shannon Ross, Jami Farrell, Jenny Riegner, Julia Evinger Sean Connor and Lisa Kayes.

President/Jami Farrell

Jami Farrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. She mentioned the passing of ZMS student, Kate Farley. PTO sent flowers to the family and made a \$100 donation to Camp Riley on her behalf. It was suggested that maybe a plant or tree could be planted on her behalf by Sandy Graef's memorial bench.

Jami requested a motion to approve the September minutes. Angie Leary made the motion, seconded by Mary Ortyl. The motion carried.

Principal/Sean Connor

Sean mentioned the passing of Kate Farley. He said the children were doing well and they had plenty of counselors on hand to help with grief counseling. He reported the 7th Grade had a successful Field Day. Conferences are scheduled for 7th and 8th Grade on October 22 and 23. 5th and 6th are being scheduled individually by the teachers. ZMS was highlighted in a National Education magazine and the National Middle School Conference will be doing a site visit on November 5. There will be two ZMS music groups performing at the conference and two teachers will be presenting. It was also mentioned that there has been a higher number of students absent recently, but attendance rates are between 92 and 93%.

Vice President/Shannon Ross

Shannon Ross reported 7th Grade Field Day was successful and the students loved the popsicles that PTO donated. She thanked Lisa Kayes for helping pass them out. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Amazon.com fundraiser. Last year over \$1,000 was raised. This year the dates are Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 17. Please let her know if you are interested in helping.

Treasurer/Molly Murphy

The Financial Report was distributed and Molly highlighted some key points. Spirit wear is ahead, Book Fair is coming up, 8th Grade party income is starting to come in and we are just \$800 short of our Membership goals. She also reported that teacher grants have mostly been paid out. Molly mentioned we might be providing some pizza for Red Ribbon Week. The Judy Hohman SAF line item was explained. It is a fund to help students in need, named after Judy Hohman, longtime ZMS employee.

Home for the Holidays/Mary Ortyl

The name Home for the Holidays needs to be changed because of the word holiday. Mary would appreciate any suggestions. Home for the Holidays will be providing food

for students during Christmas Break and Spring Break this year. Angie Leary suggested Food for Thought. Guidance said there are 17 families with 66 people needing assistance this year. The money budgeted for the Fall Staff Luncheon, that was cancelled, will go to supporting this program.

Newsletter

Jami reported that the deadline for the November Newsletter is October 20. Please submit in 12 Times New Roman font to Dee Dee Medaris.

Membership

Jami will talk to Holly about putting something in the November Newsletter letting people know it is not too late to join PTO.

Volunteers/Dawn McKnight

Dawn has some additions and she will e-mail Chair people directly.

5th/6th Grade Fun Night

Jami reported it was very successful and under budget.

Student Appreciation

Jami reported Cheryl and Jill are doing birthday signs once a month. IF you would like to help they meet the last day of the month-please let Cheryl Bailey or Jill Lange know.

Staff Appreciation

Jami reported because of the calendar change there will be no Fall Luncheon for the staff. Nicole Fletcher is handling the staff birthday at the beginning of every month. She leaves a cupcake by the birthday sign for the staff to pick up.

Book Fair/Angie Leary

The Book Fair will be open 11-3 daily the week of October 19. Set-up is Monday 8-11 AM if you would like to help. Tear down is Friday AM. There will be \$100 worth of drawings again. Angie reported using mysignup.com and said almost all the spots are filled.

Wellness

Jami reported the salad bar kicked off on Monday and was well received by the kids. PTO will be purchasing trays for the cafeteria to use for the salad bar. Jami reported that they are working on spending some of the Z/Run soon and will probably have a report next meeting.

Box Tops/Carol Mead

Carol reported that posters are up in Eagle Hall tracking the Box Top Competition. Currently Grimm is in first, Bumgardner is in second and Seward is in third. The next deadline to submit is October 31. After that, box tops can be submitted March 1. The Hasbro Game Night Program goes until the end of October. Campbell's labels were

submitted at the end of September and the current total is 9,523. Kroger has a new program with Campbells regarding the labels.

Cookbook

Jami said we are sill working on recipes. The deadline is October 23. We are short on main dishes ans veggies. Please let all your friends and teachers know we are still looking for recipes. We are going to have a graphic designer work on the cover.

Change A Child's Christmas

Jami reported this name also has to be changed because it mentions Christmas. Jami said Change for Children was suggested.

New Business

Jami reported Tracy Bumgardner was requesting monies for a philanthropic class project. She will be meeting with her today to discuss the details.

ZEF Oktoberfest is October 17.

Let Jami know what you are interested in doing on the Board next year.

Lastly, Shannon Ross will be taking over PTO for the next three weeks-until after Lauren's (Jami's daughter) wedding. Please go to her with questions/comments/concerns.

Next meeting: November 10 at 9:30 AM.

The meeting ended at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Ross for Jill Sibila