Zionsville Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2008

The Zionsville Middle School PTO met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 9:15am at Zionsville Middle School, Room 516.

Present: Frances Pokrifcak, Carol Mead, Deb Waldkoetter, Dawn McKnight, Rose-Ann Mazanek, Sean Conner, Julie Rauschuber, Holly Waidelich, Christina Gibson, Dee Dee Medaris, and Jill Sibila

President Frances Pokrifcak called the meeting to order at 9:23am. Frances welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Holly Waidelich moved for the approval of the ZMS PTO September 2008 minutes. Dee Dee Madaris seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

Frances Pokrifcak announced the Zionsville School Board approved the Athletic Complex by a 4 -2 vote at last night's School Board meeting.

Frances Pokrifcak introduced Judith Essex, Eagle Township Trustee, and Candance Ulmer, Union Township Trustee. Ms. Essex and Ms. Ulmer discussed the referendum up for public vote on November 4. If it passes, the referendum would give approval to unite the unicorporated portion of Eagle Township all of Union Township and the Town of Zionsville as one political unit. For more information, visit http://www.bccn.boone.in.us/reorg/index.html.

Principal's Report – Sean Conner

- Conferences are coming up next week. Fifth and Sixth graders will have one on one conferences and the 7th and 8th grade conferences will be held in the gym.

Treasurer – Frances Pokrifcak for Brian Biggs

- All committees are currently coming under budget and providing more services
- PTO is providing $150 for Red Ribbon Week. $100 for supplies and the remaining $50 for a pizza party winner of 8th Grade Floats.
- Community Service Club, headed by Mrs. Ertel, asking PTO for $100 to assist with the club's service projects. Motion approved by Christina Gibson and seconded by Dawn McKnight.

Membership – Julie Rauschuber

- A purple leaf plum tree being planted today and a plaque is arriving soon in honor of a family who is at the $500 giving level. Membership will be sending a letter to notify the family and also to express appreciation.

Secretary-Jill Sibila

- Monthly meeting minutes can be found on the ZMS PTO website.

Vice President-Frances Pokrifcak for Jami Farrell

- MarketPlace Handout given showing various companies that give back to ZMS when purchases are made using the ZMS Box Tops school code.
- Meijer is currently running double points.
- PTO asking everyone to re-check their Marsh cards for the correct ZMS school listing.

Volunteers-Dawn McKnight

- Will continue to send update volunteer information via email to committees.

Newsletter - Dee Dee Medaris

- Deadline for October newsletter is Oct. 20.

Directory-Christina Gibson

- Directories have been distributed. There are 100 extras. Committee will hold onto 25 directories to give to incoming families and sell the rest.
- The opening page of the directory lists the corporate phone numbers incorrectly. Committee looking to resolve this issue.

Spirit Wear-Frances Pokrifcak for Jami Farrell

- $500 worth of spirit wear was sold at a recent ZMS football game.
- Committee purchased a new cart to store and display items.
- Pajama-rams will be sold again this year. New items include shorts, white sweatshirts for girls and Under Armor sweatshirts for boys. New plaid patterns have also been selected.

Student Appreciation-Jill Lange

- Birthday gift bags are working out well.

Staff Appreciation-Frances Pokrifcak reporting for Angela Carr

- The next Staff Appreciation lunch will be held during conferences on Oct. 23. The lunch will be a fried chicken meal.
- Teachers are now receiving a Starbucks gift card, balloons and a bottle of sparkling cider for their birthdays. These seem to be well received by the teachers.

Book Fair-Julie Rauschuber

- Book Fair starts tomorrow, Oct. 20 and will conclude on Oct. 24.
- The committee has an extra $50 that will be used for a one time teacher drawing for those teachers who have completed a wish list.

Wellness-Erin Wilson

- Student log boards have been re-done.
- Mileage program will continue for two more weeks and then suspend until spring.
- PTO approved $35 registration fee for Erin Wilson to attend IU Health Summit.
- Plans continue for a Health Fair.

Z-Run- Frances Pokrifcak for Angela Baker

- Committee along with Wellness committee looking to have a Health Fair to "kick off" Z-Run. Health Fair would consist of various vendors such as the Clarion van, dieticians, jazzercise and others. Perhaps including a blood drive for the adults.
- The committee is continuing to re-vamp Z-Run with a new trail and a new direction under the guidance of Tuxedo Brothers, Inc.

Box Tops-Frances Pokrifcak

- The various items that were purchased with the box tops collected last year were displayed including a label bin, a microwave, two heavy staplers, two 3-hole punches, one set of wipe off boards, four stopwatches, a steel cash box and a scanner.
- Handout given detailing an opportunity for ZMS to win a Pump It Up party.
- Box Tops for Education Marketplace handout given which lists the participating online businesses.

New Family Welcome-Frances Pokrifcak for Angela Leary & Deb Kuller

- The New Family Welcome went well.

5/6 Fun Night-Frances Pokrifcak for Chantelle Dodson

- Committee is in the planning phases.

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

- Will be held Dec. 1 through Dec. 5.
- Porter Paints has donated paint cans.

New Business

ZEF Octoberfest

- Tables are still available.

PTO Council

- Next meeting will be held November 7 at 9:30am at ESC with Dr. Robison.

Memorial Bench Project-Julie Raucshuber

- Tree is schedule to be planted Oct. 18. The cement will be poured at the end of October. The bench will be delivered mid-November. Dedication ceremony will be held in November before Thanksgiving break. Julie will contact the newspaper so that they can do an article.

Amazon Gift Wrap-Frances Pokrifcak

- Amazon will donate money to any 501(c)(3) organization for groups who wrap gifts at their warehouse. ZMS PTO can earn 75 cents per package wrapped. Look for more detailed information to follow.

Announcements

The next ZMS PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5 at 9:15am at ZMS in room 516.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sibila
Secretary