Zionsville Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2008

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

Present: Frances Pokrifcak Jami Farrell, Brian Biggs, Dawn McKnight, Chantelle Dodson, Cheryl Bailey, Mary Ortyl, Erin Wilson, Carol Mead, Angie Leary, Sean Conner, Julie Rauschuber, Candance Reid, Jill Lange, Sue Trewartha, Jane Rapinchuk, Angela Baker and Jill Sibila

President Frances Pokrifcak called the meeting to order at 9:25am. Frances welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Jami Farrell moved for the approval of the ZMS PTO September 2008 minutes. Mary Ortyl seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

Principal's Report – Sean Conner

- All the requests for PTO monies have been submitted.
- The SLR camera and mics have arrives and are now in use.
- The frames for the student images to be hung in the hallways have arrived.
- I-Step begins next week.
- Guidance office is working on providing study tables.

Treasurer – Brian Biggs

- Reviewed latest budget report ending August 31, 2008.
- Membership is on budget.
- PTO will be paying the submitted teacher receipts in September.
- The expenditures from the Principal Grants will be put into last year's activity.

Membership – Julie Rauschuber

- To date, Membership has a profit of $20, 636.
- Lilly does not match funds because PTO is not geared strictly towards education. Issue still unresolved…some schools are rewarded Lilly funds—research details!

Secretary-Jill Sibila

- Nothing to report.

Vice President-Jami Farrell

- ZMS PTO is now connected with Meijer Community Rewards program. Applications were passed out. If a person already has a Meijer card they can call and have their card synced up. More applications will be left at the front office.
- Handed out Party Tree 10% discount for purchases. This can also be used for personal use.
- Exploring how PTO can use Mike's Car Wash coupons as a "service", not a fundraiser. Mike's car wash will sell the books for half price, and then PTO can sell at full price. Since three other Zionsville School groups are doing this at this time, PTO is looking at March 2009 for this "service". Students will not be selling the booklets. Other details are also being worked out.

President-Frances Pokrifcak

- Frances passed around tickets for sale for the ZEF $10,000 scholarship raffle. Drawing is to be held at Oktoberfest. Raffle tickets are $50 each and 400 are to be sold. Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 18 at the Robert Irsay Pavilion in Carmel.
- The Lunch Angel Program had a booth at the Fall Festival. This program is geared to help those students who are not able to purchase a lunch and/or extra times while at school. PTO will retain a collection box at the front office but will not solicit funds. More information on LAP can be obtained by contacting Wendy Lawrence at 317-372-4600.
- Zionsville school board is scheduled to meet on October 13. One major issue to be addressed is the Zionsville Community Schools sports complex. The sports complex was a 150 million dollar bond that is specifically geared towards that type of facility. For more information, please visit the ZCS website.
- Thirty-two percent contributed to the Nurse's Fund. The rest of the monies will be used from the general fund. There is a fulltime nurse at each Zionsville school.
- Boone Meadows will most likely be re-opened next school year. Dr. Robison reported that one million dollars in operating costs are saved due to the school's 2 year closure. Boone Meadows was used as interim before ZWMS was built and Anson area is two years behind schedule. Medco is currently using the building.

Jennifer Bond-ZMS 5th and 8th grade teacher

- Students are working on the "Youth Throughout History" murals. Students select the theme and participate in the sketching and painting of the murals along side with M.K. Watkins. Miss Bond had the present PTO members vote for two young historical persons to be depicted in theses murals. Plaques will be placed after completion of the murals.
- Miss Bond showed the drawing that is to be the cover of the ZMS directory. The cover was drawn by Haley Smith who was runner-up in the contest for the cover of the ZMS student planners.
- A check was presented to Miss Bond for $900. The remaining $900 will be given at the conclusion of the project.

Volunteers-Dawn McKnight

- Updated volunteer sheets were handed out.

Newsletter - Dee Dee Medaris

- There has been great communication and no issues.

Directory-Report given by Frances Pokrifcak, Mary Hilton out of town

- Quotes for printing of directory are more expensive than in the past, so committee is looking at outside sources.
- All information has been entered.
- Directories will be distributed at the end of September to students by classrooms.
- PTO is looking to sell the extras.

Spirit Wear-Jami Farrell

- $5100 currently in net sales
- Selling "last chance" items.
- September 15 is the last day to order spirit wear.
- Pajama-rams will be sold again this year.
- Spirit wear will have a spring line again this year.

Student Appreciation-Jill Lange

- Gift bags are now being given to students for their birthdays along with signs on their lockers. The gift bags contain pizza, ice cream and chocolate coupons, Smarties candy and a Happy Birthday pencil. The bags are delivered to students during SOAR or picked up at the office.

Staff Appreciation-Frances Pokrifcak reporting for Angela Carr

- Back to School luncheon went well.
- For the November luncheon, the committee is looking to serve fried chicken, potato salad and other items.
- Looking into different "gifts" for staff birthdays such as gift cards or coupons to local restaurants.

Book Fair-Julie Rauschuber

- Book Fair will be held Oct. 20-24.

Wellness-Erin Wilson

- Mileage program continuing to go well. Fifth graders especially like the program.
    - Still in need of volunteers.
    - Planning on having popsicles on Fridays
    - Committee is re-vamping the board
- Committee is working on various "fitness incentives' such as having prizes for the top completers and perhaps sponsoring top completers in a race.
- Committee is looking into organizing a "No Excuse" Health Fair.

Box Tops-Jane Rapinchuk

- Collection box is located out in front of front office.
- Deadline for turning in box tops is September 15. The homeroom with the most box tops collected will be awarded the "green chair".
- With the box tops collected last year, the committee was able to purchase a label bin, a microwave, a heavy stapler, two 3-hole punches, one set of wipe off boards, four stopwatches and a steel cash box.

Events

Back to School days

- No report.

New Family Welcome-Angela Leary & Deb Kuller

- Will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
- This year dessert and coffee/lemonade will be served to allow for more mingling of attendees.
- Lemonade is being provided by Chick-Fil-A, coffee is being provided by Eagle Creek, desserts are being provided by Sunshine Bakery. The committee is looking for donations of cookies and brownies.
- The traveling strings will perform.
- Dr. Robinson is scheduled to attend.
- Putting together gift bags and baskets for a raffle.

5/6 Fun Night-Chantelle Dodson

- Committee has received binder.
- Committee working on setting a date.
- Committee is looking into hiring a DJ.

7/8 Upper Class Night-Kay Stebbins & Candance Reid

- Various dates are being explored in effort to avoid conflicts with other events.

Reality Store-Mary Ortel

- Nothing to report.

Change a Child's Christmas

- Will be held the first week in December.
- Committee is working out details.

Z-Run-Angela Baker

- Date is set for April 25.
- Looking into changing the race course to perhaps include the park next door.
- In process of getting sponsors on board. Committee is contacting last year's sponsors and then will look for additional sponsors.

- Run will not conflict with Autism race this year and committee is checking on Little League Opening Day for conflicts.
- $3500 check presented to Sean Connor from Z-Run 2008.

8th Grade Field Day

- Bill was received which came under budget. Expenses totaled $683 and $750 was budgeted.

New Business

ZEF luncheon-Frances Pokrifcak

- The Julie Homan Fund provided two students with school supplies and fixed another student's violin.

Beautification-Julie Rauschuber

- Flanner & Buchanan has offered to provide a granite bench including engraving and delivery at cost in memory of Sandy Graef, ZMS band teacher. Paige's Music is donating $150 and Music Travels is donating between $300-$400 dollars. PTO is donating $300. Committee is continuing to look into other funding options. The bench will most likely be installed in November.
- Blair Williams has donated a tree in Sandy Graef's honor.
- Looking for concrete slab donation.

Announcements

The next ZMS PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:15am at ZMS in room 516. There is a conflict with November's meeting date therefore another date and time will be selected.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.
Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sibila
Secretary