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Attendees:

Neil Cummins PTA
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday February 14, 2008, 8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Neil Cummins Staff Room

Attendees:

Laura Anderson, President; Catherine Guthrie, Executive Vice-President; Julia Ritter, Vice President; Pam Bittner, Vice President; Carolyn Caindec, Vice President; Sheri Mowbray, Secretary; Ann Trunko, Treasurer; Marilyn Clark, Principal; Corinna Neustaetter; Sarah Notter; Alyce Hinshaw; Tasmin Pesso; Radica O. Portello; Joanna Kewkes; Janey Lupario; Deloris Leiter; Karen Bond.

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 p.m. by Executive Vice-President Cathie Guthrie.

Principal's Report

Marilyn Clark wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She announced that last night the board of trustees appointed Dominique Halilej to fill the open trustee position. She noted that all five candidates were extremely impressive. She said that we are still waiting for additional information about the budget crisis. The legislators' response to the governor is due February 23rd so we will know more then. Everyone was encouraged to call our legislators and let them know that we expect them to stand up for education and protection of Prop 98. Carole Migden, our state senator, can be reached at 916-651-4003 and Jared Huffman, our assemblyman, can be reached at 916-319-2006. Everyone is encouraged to call today! Marilyn also noted that kindergarten registration was held yesterday and the new format did not work as well as was hoped. People were asked to fill out and turn in forms yesterday and that did not work well. It will be done differently in the future.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Trunko reported that the PTA currently has \$31,434 in our checking account and \$98,295 in our money market account. The profit from the first session of the gram was approximately \$17,000 from a \$73,000 gross intake. The second session gross is \$86,700 and we are waiting for final expenses to come in so we can tally profit. We are hoping the third and final session of lunch will come in at or above the second session. Ann noted that \$11,581 has been transferred to Hall for the wrapping paper sale to benefit the fifth grade outdoor education program. The spellathon was a huge success! The money has not all come in yet but it looks as if the total will be over \$23,000 which beats last year! The Variety Show, not intended to be a fundraiser, brought in \$1,239 with expenses around \$600. The idea was raised about moving the spellathon so that it is not so close to the jump rope for heart fundraiser.

Ann asked that we ratify the checks written 1/17-2/14/08. Pam Bittner moved that we ratify the checks written 1/17-2/14/08. Carolyn Caindec seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PTA Business

Approve Audit Report 7/1/07-12/31/07

Cathie announced that the audit report showed that everything was fine. Kudos to Ann! Julia Ritter moved that we approve the audit report for 7/1/07-12/31/07. Sheri Mowbray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Crisis

Cathie announced that the district has put a freeze on spending in response to the current state budget crisis. This has meant that the school is not spending money on things like supplies. There is a mandate to use what we have (colored paper). The board would like the membership to consider giving \$1,500 for supplies to include white paper. The paper will be ordered through the office and the school discount. Teachers will be asked not to ask parents for supplies until the PTA funds are used up, which includes the money allocated by the PTA to each teacher for supplies. The process has been made simpler for the teachers to get reimbursed. Marilyn will make sure to let the school community know in the pink about this generous donation.

Ann Trunko moved that we give \$1,500 to the school to purchase supplies. Pam Bittner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michelle Walker announced that the kids are asking for jump ropes that are longer for bigger kids. She would need \$200 to purchase a sufficient number of jump ropes to accommodate this request.

Pam Bittner moved that we allocate \$200 for jump ropes. Sarah Notter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Update on Fundraising

Cathie spoke about the fact that the board is discussing reevaluating the wrapping paper sale because the paper is not made from recycled paper nor is it recyclable yet it is being sold to fund an environmental educational program, outdoor education. We need to raise \$10-12k so that parents do not have to pay the entire \$250 per child cost. There was a discussion about some possible "green" substitutions such as Green Zebra which is a green coupon book for Marin businesses that is sold for \$25 and \$10 goes to the school. Green Girl wrapping paper was also discussed as was the idea of doing the two things in combination. Cathie also spoke about the fact that they are talking with the Hall PTA about transferring the responsibility for administering this program over to Hall with NC participating in order to help. If that is the case, Hall PTA will determine what to sell. Cathie asked people to continue to give ideas.

Website Update

Kim Murray is our new NC webmaster. The NC site has been updated and looks great! Now she will begin working on the PTA site. When completed, it will be more current and have a cleaner, more organized look.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Mowbray

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