

Slavens School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Amy Soltes, President called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 09, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Slavens Library.

In attendance were:

Melissa Hatchett	Amy Feiman	April Rasmussen	Jane Howard
Amy Soltes	Anne Rowe	Kelli Sessions	Janet Willson
Liz Payne	Amanda Gurr	Annie Zarlengo	Barb Smith
Megan Perkins	Shawn Morris	Lisa LoJacono	Chuck Tobler
Amy Hicks	Holly Chione	Eileen Robinson	Tosha Zeitlin
Petra Frazier	Amy Leonard	Maria Wischmeyer	
Annie Humphrey	Chriss Bond	Mia Bitterman	

Denver Rubber Duck Drop

- Sunni Rodgers from Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann's office presented a check to the Slavens School PTA for the money raised in 4th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop on May 4, 2008
- The Duck Derby raised \$18,000 which was divided evenly among the participating schools

Character Education Update - Petra Frazier

- Table toppers distributed to each family at Slavens to coordinate what is being taught at school and initiate discussion on the topics at home; a new insert will be sent home each month
- A puzzle mural has been created and each month a new piece will be added until it is complete at the end of the year
- Next meeting 9/17/08

Fundraising Update – Annie Humphrey

- All fundraising requests should be directed to Annie to get presented to the Fundraising Oversight Committee (FOC)
- Decision was made to not continue with the Butter Braid sale this year

President Update – Amy Soltes

- E-Books update
 - Waiting to hear back regarding when E-Books will be available; a decision will then be made on participating in the program
- Slavens is a Polling Place for the election this year
 - Pending approval a bake sale may be held to raise money for the school
- Family Nights update
 - Need for a person to chair this event in order for it to happen was communicated
 - Shawn Morris stepped up and offered to chair the Fall Festival event this year
- Thursday folders
 - David Bell needs help with the Thursday folders in the morning right after drop-off

Principal Update – Melissa Hatchett (in absence of Kurt Siebold)

- New Staff
 - Noah Rabinowitz – 4th grade job share
 - Character Ed/Drama - Lori Worthman
 - Paraprofessional Interviews this week for ½ time kindergarten para and 4th-8th grade para

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School Supply Update– Amy Hicks

- Initial estimates of \$1,500 - \$2,000 raised by the School Supply sale this year

Greening Update – Amy Hicks

- Landscaping committee to improve the look of the front of the school
- This has yet to go through FOC

Treasures Report – Amy Soltes (in absence of Margaret Hawkins)

- Bank statement was passed around for review
- 2008-2009 Budget will be presented during the next PTA meeting 10/14/08

Middle School Update – Amanda Gurr

- Anne Rowe and Amanda Gurr attended the meeting as members of the Middle School Parent Alliance (MSPA)
- First meeting on Wednesday 09/09/08
- Anne and/or Amanda will attend the PTA meeting each month to provide an update on middle school happenings

Box Tops for Education Update – Kim Leversedge

- Kim Leversedge gave an overview of the Box Tops for Education program: clip Box Tops for Education coupons off boxes and place in box outside the office
- First batch needs to be mailed in by 10/31/08 in order to receive a check by the first of 2009
- Purchases made through Box Top Market place directly benefit Slavens
- Annual Goal is \$1,300

Volunteer Coordinator Update – Janet Willson

- The Volunteer Opportunity handbook was passed around for known contact updates to be made
- Handbook will be distributed in the Thursday folders at a later date

Book Fair Update – Amy Leonard

- Book Fair will be held in the library this year 12/8 – 12/12/08

2009 Auction Update – Amy Leonard

- Auction will be held at the Cable Center 4/25/09
- First Auction Meeting 10/21/08

Enrichment Update– Kelli Sessions

- Classes start next week
- Thursday folders this week will have additional information on the offerings

Membership Update – Amy Soltes (in absence of Natalie Frei)

- Approximately 140 memberships to date
- Membership envelopes will go out one more time in the Thursday folders sometime this month or next

Hospitality Update – Eileen Robinson and Maria Wischmeyer

- Einstein Bagels gift cards were given to all faculty and staff
- Watermelon Social
 - New location worked out well
 - Welcome table was well received and appreciated
- New Family Coffee – more practical information wanted

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- Mentor Families – 30 families signed up to have mentor families to be able to contact with questions and concerns regarding school

Newsletter Update – Lisa LoJacono

- Lisa LoJacono and Amy Feiman will be publishing the Slavens Newsletter this year
- Newsletter will be published 4 times this year: late October, late January, March and early May

Prepared by: Megan Perkins, Secretary