

Slavens School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Amy Soltes, President called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Slavens Library.

In attendance were:

Kurt Siebold	Chriss Bond	Natalie Frei	Lynn Collins
Amy Soltes	Barb Smith	Shelly Whitney	Kathy Gile
Liz Payne	Amy Leonard	Sherry Fitzpatrick	Annie Humphrey
Megan Perkins	Amy Hicks	Amy Feiman	

Liz Payne motioned to approve the October 2008 PTA Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

President's Report – Amy Soltes

- DPS is introducing a Health and Wellness Program; several parents have expressed interest – more information to come on this program

Principal Update – Kurt Siebold

- Reading Specialist for grades K-2 who are not at grade level
 - Position has been approved; position will be fulltime with a 50/50 time split between reading specialist and Gifted and Talented Coordinator role
 - 25% of the position will be paid for by PTA
- Bond Issue 3A passed!!!
 - \$3.1 Million for Slavens: \$1.2 Million for new windows, \$700,000 for library expansion
 - Kurt is exploring options for including a new gym as part of this bond initiative
- Differences in learning styles between boys and girls
 - Kelly King will be a guest speaker for teachers on 1/6 to further explore this topic
 - Possible Parent Education topic
- DPS is looking to add more ECE programs
 - Slavens is a possible consideration; limited space is a concern
- Furniture painting needed
 - District donated tables that will be used in the art classroom; legs of these tables need to be painted

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

- Bank statement was passed around for review

Fundraising – Annie Humphrey

- Noodles Night – Thursday November 20th – 25% of the proceeds will go to Slavens
- Scholastic Book Fair – December 8th – 12th
- Applications need to be filled out and submitted to the Fundraising Oversight Committee (FOC) for approval

Middle School Update – Kathy Gile

- Carnival Re-cap – enough money was raised to fund graduation
- High School transition meetings in progress
- Fall Sports banquet is on Thursday November 13th
- Winter Sports (Girls and Boys basketball) now underway
- Student Council – currently planning Spirit Day and the Harvest Dance
- Career Day planning underway

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Membership Update – Natalie Frei

- Correction to last update: 238 individual memberships as of 11/4/08 (not over 300 as previously reported)
- PTA Liaisons will be requested to send out another email reminder regarding joining the PTA; memberships envelopes to be distributed one more time

Greening of Slavens – Amy Hicks

- Annual Greening clean-up took place 10/26/08
 - Tulips were planted in honor of Cole Koloscus; a student who passed away in kindergarten while attending Slavens
- \$1,300 remains in the memorial fund for Cole Koloscus
 - Possibility of purchasing something for the kindergarten classes in honor of Cole

Hospitality Update – Amy Soltes (in absence of Eileen Robinson and Maria Wischmeyer)

- Lunch was provided for the teachers by the Hospitality Committee during parent teacher conferences

Newsletter Update – Amy Feiman

- Next newsletter will be published the first week of January 2009
- Please email Amy Feiman or Lisa LoJacono with article ideas

Election Day Bake Sale – Chriss Bond

- \$1,300 was raised for the school during the bake sale

Auction Update – Amy Leonard

- Folders with acquisition materials available for those interested in helping with the Auction; these will also be emailed out
- Contact Amy or Anne Franklin with any questions
- Next auction meeting 12/8/08 at Anne Franklin's house at 8:30 am

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm, Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Liz Payne's house.

Prepared by: Megan Perkins, Secretary