

Slavens School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2007

Kary Cramer, President called the meeting to order on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slavens library.

In attendance were:

Cheryl Badger	Kathy Gile	Sam Robinson
Markus Ceraso	Margaret Hawkins	Kurt Seibold
Kary Cramer	Jane Howard	Kelli Sessions
Kim Crawford	Sabra Knauf	Shauna Shaw
Susan Ellis	John Linley	Holly Simpson
Sylvie Fambrini	Valerie Manchovec	Amy Soltes
Sherry Fitzpatrick	Kathleen Marvin	Janet Willson
Anne Franklin	Dee Morgan	Annie Zarlengo
Petra Frazier	Sandy Myrick	
Natalie Frei	Mary Pappas	

President Update - Kary Cramer

- There were no minutes to approve
- How can we do a better job welcoming new families to Slavens?
 - Make phone calls to families welcoming them and being available for any questions
 - Will fall under Hospitality Committee - see Anne Franklin if interested
- Safety
 - Slavens is 1 of 4 schools that have received a grant.
 - This will include a safety inspection, safety class offered to students, traffic flow
 - Parent volunteers are needed to serve as crossing guards and to increase awareness of parents. See Kary Cramer if interested
 - The safety of our kids is the number one priority
- Thank you to Starbucks on Evans and Franklin
 - Donated coffee for both Back to School Night and the Kindergarten Coffee
 - First Kindergarten coffee was very well received by new families

Treasurers Report - Sandy Myrick and Margaret Hawkins

- Financial Report was distributed from last year
 - Heading into 2007, the bulk of money will be allotted to Teachers and Paras
 - Margaret and Kary will meet with Committee Chairs on funding
 - Vote to approve will take place at next meeting, Monday, October 8th
 - There is a safe available for PTA checks in the office

Principal Update - Kurt Seibold

- Standards Based Reporting
 - Teachers are challenged to give adequate information on progress of students
 - CSAP results align well with the Standards Based Reporting
 - We should receive individual CSAP results in the next couple of weeks
 - Progress reports should be given either 11/9 or 11/16, following conferences in October
 - Thanks for the strong parent support - having huge impact on performance of our students

Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Amy Quinn

- Newsletter will be published quarterly

- o Amy welcomes writers, ideas and photographers.
- o Would like to highlight fun happenings for each grade, with help of volunteer parent from each grade. Class liaison to recruit parent. Also Peace Action Club, Sports, and Community
- o Thank you section from Committees
- o November 2 is the deadline for submitting to the first newsletter
- o Submissions need to be completed in Word Format and e:mailed to Amy at Quinn1505 @comcast.net

Parent Education - Amy Soltes

- Jerry Moe to be speaking at the PTA Sponsored Parent Education night on 10/18 at 7:00 p.m. at Slavens
 - o Jerry is the National Director of Children's Programs for the Betty Ford Center

Hospitality - Anne Franklin

- Thanks to all volunteers who brought watermelons to the social
- Starbucks Gift Cards were given to faculty and staff and were greatly appreciated
- Hospitality Committee is responsible for staff birthdays, coordinating meals on conference days, Teacher Appreciation day in the Spring
- Volunteers are needed
- Would like to address Teacher Lounge, update and make more welcoming

Box Tops for Education - Anne Franklin

- This is an easy fundraiser
 - o Parents turn in Boxtops found on General Mills products
 - o Can also shop online and many retailers (i.e. Gap, Pottery Barn) kick back a percentage on sales back to school Shop on boxtops4education.com
 - o Last year we raised \$750.

Enrichment - Kelli Sessions

- Kelli is meeting with Kelly Pietrs to make the transition
 - o Information on Enrichment courses was in last weeks Thursday folders, registration forms to follow

Volunteer Coordinator - Janet Willson

- David Bell is in great need of volunteers to help with Thursday folders
 - o Anyone is welcome each Thursday after drop off

Family Nights - Susan Ellis

- Fall Festival will replace Halloween Night this year to be held on Friday November 2
- September 18 is the planning meeting at Slavens library, time tbd
- Needs many volunteers in order to pull off event!

Middle School - Kathy Gile

- Kathy passed around agenda for their first meeting, to take place Wednesday September 12 at 7:55 a.m.
- Support activities such as the Fall Carnival (raises funds for the 8th Grade continuation). Fall carnival to be held on Friday, October 5 from 3:15 - 5:15, rain or shine
- Grocery Certificates benefit individual families for 8th Grade Sea Camp, receive 2.5% kickback
- MS Activity Fund supports middle school activities such as dances
- Book fair to be held November 13th - 16th
 - o Amy Leonard heading it this year, needs volunteers

Membership - Petra Frazier/Sylvie Fambrini

- Membership currently at 203, our goal is 300
 - Have raised \$1,969.50 so far in membership dues
 - Sylvie is making chart to excite kids and track progress
 - Class with the most parent memberships will win a treat
 - Membership by classes is as follows: K - 46, 1st - 39, 2nd - 37, 3rd - 51, 4th - 26, 5th - 37, 6th - 27, 7th - 14, 8th - 14
 - Should we track from year to year membership numbers?

Advertising Directory - Sabra Knauf

- Have exceeded goal in covering cost of printing
 - \$2,100 sold in advertising
 - Sales close at the end of this week, will be in spiral format

Yearbook - Sabra Knauf

- Need parent volunteers from each class for candid photos of students
 - Class liaison to recruit volunteer with room parents
 - 8th Grade photos needed,
 - Sheila Win is coordinating photos of MS Sports

Peace Action Club - Meg Gehl

- First meeting is Tuesday, September 11 at 7:15 in Slavens library

Fundraising - Amy Soltes

- Ebooks
 - Have sold 42 ebooks so far, goal is 100
 - Available for sale on Fridays after school in September

Landscaping - Holly Simpson

- Looking into redesigning front of school
 - Weeds have become out of control
 - Does not do justice to our new tiled entry
 - No current budget available

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