

Slavens School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 10, 2007

Kary Cramer, President, called the meeting to order on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:20 pm. The meeting was held in the home of Kary Cramer.

In attendance were:

Suzanne Mountfort, Mary Pappas, Margaret Hawkins, Kim Leversedge, Kary Cramer, Amy Soltes, Annie Humphries, Cheryl Badger, Kim Crawford, Kathy Gile, Kelli Sessions, Sherry Fitzpatrick, Liz Payne, Amy Quinn, Sabra Knauf, Janet Willson

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **President Update – Kary Cramer**

- A meeting was held with FOSS, PTA, CSC, and MSPA to discuss the purpose and function of the Fundraising Oversight Committee (FOC). It was decided that if a fundraiser directly benefits the school, it needs to be reviewed and approved by FOC. If it benefits the community outside of Slavens, no approval is needed (i.e. other community service projects).
- A PTA subcommittee is being put together to “reinvigorate” Character Education, which is now referred to as “Intentional Culture” in DPS. The Committee will help promote what the teacher’s are already doing in the classrooms and help to create a “common language” for the whole school. It will also communicate to parents on a regular basis so they can reinforce what the students are learning at home. Volunteers are needed for the committee.
- The Noodles fundraiser was a big success and over \$600 was raised.
- The Greening and the Beautification Committees need to merge and coordinate their efforts. They will get estimates for the project and then will either ask PTA for funding or they will go through FOC to get approval to raise funds. CSC does not need to approve this expenditure as it is not in their charter.
- It was discussed how the priorities are set for the Designated Fund. The Principal sets the priorities after talking with all of the teachers. After salaries for teachers and Para-professionals, a new gym is a high priority. Our middle school is currently unable to host sporting events due to the size of our gym.
- Cheryl Badger brought up that we are getting an elevator installed at the school.
- Next PTA Meeting will be Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Slavens Library.

### **Census Update – Annie Humphreys**

Annie passed out a map with the streets that we still need volunteers for. The survey will be held in January so we may have results in time for budgeting in the spring.

### **Auction Update – Suzanne Mountfort and Liz Payne**

- They have held 3 meetings so far and have a list of volunteers and a committee for acquisitions. The Auction will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cable Center.

- Acquisitions are the most important right now and they hope to have 50 items by the end of this week. When the auction is here, they will need many volunteers for set up as we will not have a lot of time for it.
- Corporate donations are going well. Theme is “10 Years and Growing”
- Need graphic design help for invitations and response cards.
- Anne Franklin and Maria Wishmeyer will be coordinating the basket themes.

### **Hospitality – Kim Leversedge**

Thanksgiving breakfast for the teachers went well and they have received several thank yous. They are looking for ideas for a group gift for Christmas for the teachers as the budget is too small to get them each a gift.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Margaret Hawkins**

Margaret passed out the monthly statements for review.

### **Enrichment – Kelli Sessions**

Winter session begins January 21<sup>st</sup> and registration lists will be sent out with the Thursday folders.

### **Middle School – Kathy Gile**

They are currently collecting pictures for the yearbook, especially Sea Camp and “Then and Now”. They are using their funding that they received from the PTA to promote class activities, including a field trip to see “Dylan Thomas – A Child’s Christmas in Wales”.

### **Newsletter – Amy Quinn**

Next newsletter will be mid-February.

### **Other Business**

Cheryl Badger began a discussion of how teachers can apply for PTA funds for Curriculum and Staff Development and if funds could also be available from FOSS for Arts. The Principal makes the decisions for the limited PTA budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Prepared by: Janet Willson (in the absence of Annie Zarlengo, Secretary)