

## **Liberty Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes September 19, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 9:30am by Laura Sams.

In attendance: Janette Leonard, Leanne Gossett, Susan Bolton, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, Gena Williams, Andrea Wood, Laura Sams, Mark Latham, Vanessa Hamilton, Karen Anderson

Secretary's Report: Andrea Wood

Presentation and approval of August meeting minutes suspended to next meeting due to power outage.

President's Report: Laura Sams

Laura is assembling I.D. badges. Thank you from Tina Flannery for the flowers from PTO. The October meeting will be held on Thurs., 10/16, 9:00 refreshments, 9:15 meeting. Dr. Nicholson and Ms. Hooie will attend to discuss Formative Assessment. Please let Laura know prior to the meeting, if anyone has question or issues to discuss. "Earning for Learning" at Polaris Mall through Oct. 18. Shopping and dining receipts go toward \$ to schools.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Bolton

New report format presented, positive feedback. Cash balance is \$42,528.35. Teacher's petty cash requests are being submitted, mostly for advisories. See attached Budget for September.

Assistant Treasurer's Report: Mark Latham

Fiscal year ends July 30, and report runs 2 months behind, so Sept. report is basically the end of the year report. Gift cards and Kroger profit for last year was \$17,612. \$23,000 reflected in budget for this year (we have more families this year). 59 cards sold since summer and we have more orders pending. Karen can change Kroger reporting to be immediate and more current than 2 months behind as we have done up to now.

Reporter:

Laura and Tina are working on newsletter. Linda Linkens is available to help Tina if needed.

Principal's Report: Gena Williams

Fall Pep Rally will be next Friday. Fall sports will be recognized. Interims go home next week. Interest groups will begin in October.

Brief discussion of formative assessment goals, "I can" statements, and Gena and Charlie visiting classrooms for teacher observations.

There will be 2 school dances this year. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council forms are out, 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be later.

Next Brown Bag lunch is Sept. 25 at 11:40am. The last one was well attended.

Ongoing Business:

Scrip: Betsey Farquhar-Bradish

A letter was sent out to those who ordered Scrip w/ sample of new form. A way to earn extra through Scrip is to use for hotels. Betsey will send out a notice prior to the holidays.

PPT forums: Janette Leonard

The next one is Sept. 24, 7:00-8:30pm, topic will be on homework and stress and 2 separate presentations for elementary and middle school. Babysitting is available.

School Store: Karen Anderson

Store will begin first Friday in October. Volunteers are being contacted.

Library project: Laura

SolarTex (window tinting film) is coming today to measure windows and estimate cost.

Outside beautification (landscaping): Laura

Weeding of front beds will be done Tues. 9/23 at 9:30am, volunteers welcome.

New Business:

Directory: Mark will contact Karen Yarrows. Opt-out form was sent home in planner.

Also, add final notice to opt-out to Listserve.

P/T Conference Dinners: PTO will handle 10/1, salad and desserts. Conferences begin at 4:00, have food delivered by volunteers no later than 3:00.

Magazine Sales: Chaired by Laura Sams. Sale begins 10/10, through 10/21. Volunteer notices will be sent out soon.

Book Fair: Dec. 1-5, March 16-20. Tracy Robinson and Janette Leonard will chair.

They have had meetings to discuss themes and how to better reach students.

Suggestions: Have book fair open for kids to attend before school, during study halls and lunch. Contests with gift cards to Chipotle, BestBuy, iTunes, Rave Theater.

Discussion of cash register purchase to use for Book Fair and other PTO events. Janette will research.

Family Event: Possibly do it an evening in January/February, not as a fundraiser, but an event to get families into the school for a fun event.

**Motion made by Karen Anderson, second by Leanne Gossett to adjourn the meeting at 10:40am. Motion approved.**

