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Attendees:

Neil Cummins PTA
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Tuesday March 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Neil Cummins Music Room

Attendees:

Laura Anderson, President; Catherine Guthrie, Executive Vice-President; Julia Ritter, Vice President; Pam Bittner, Vice President; Carolyn Caindec, Vice President; Andrea Pierpont, Vice President; Linda Henn, Vice President; Sheri Mowbray, Secretary; Ann Trunko, Treasurer; Susan Chrisman, Parliamentarian; Marilyn Clark, Principal; Michelle Walker, Vice Principal; Cookie Morin, School Counselor; Sarah Notter; Lynn Werner, Margot Segal, Bob Rosenfeld, Kristen Huang, Dennis Oh, Chizuko Tsuji, Dean Cook, Alice Marks, Fletcher Strub, Jodi Manning, Michael Manning, Hilary Redmond, Celeste Barbic, Carolyn Jensen, Julie Dougherty, Sachiko Terry, Jeanine Tede, Paula Strand, Rado Mihaz, Leland van den Daele, Brooke Vos, John Mayerhofer, Jenefee Vogelef, Lisa Poole.

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Laura Anderson.

Principal's Report

Marilyn thanked the PTA and Carolyn Jensen for setting up the assembly with the Chinese acrobats earlier this week. She said it was fantastic! She also reported that Jump rope for Heart went well, though participation was down from last year.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Trunko reported that we took in over \$23,000 for the spellathon and thanked everyone for their participation. She mentioned that next to the lunch program, the spellathon is the PTA's second largest fundraiser. She listed many of the ways the PTA uses the money we raise, including funding the art portable, providing art and instructional supplies in all classrooms, the Hawk courtyard tables and umbrellas, assemblies, parent education program, storage containers, the Ability Awareness library now in each classroom, white copy paper and more!

Ann asked that we ratify the checks written 2/15-3/11/08. Andrea Pierpont moved that we ratify the checks written 2/15-3/11/08. Susan Christman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval Items

Approve Minutes 2/14/08

Ann Trunko moved that we approve the minutes from the 2/14/08 general membership meeting. Andrea Pierpont seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Proposed 2008-2009 PTA Board

Susan Christman revealed the proposed slate for the PTA board for next school year to be elected at our next meeting.

Co-Presidents: Cathie Guthrie and Julia Ritter

VP/Health & Safety: Karen Bond

VP/Operations: Linda Henn

VP/Enrichment: Sarah Notter

VP/Fundraising: Carolyn Caindec

VP/Volunteer Coordinator/Membership: Jamie Bueman

Secretary: Susan Christman

Treasurer: Ann Trunko

Financial Secretary: Debbie Arnowitz

Parliamentarian: Monica Malone

Historian: Kris Wade

Auditor: Pam Bittner

Committee Positions

Carolyn Caindec reviewed the committee head positions that are open for next year, including Hot Lunch servers and daily coordinators; spiritwear heads, campus improvement people, sign changers, Holiday Store leaders, membership chair to run the campaign in the fall, lice coordinator to run the administrative part of the program. All open positions will be advertised in the pink.

Pink Goes Green!

Linda Henn announced that as of 3/31, there will be no more paper pinks distributed. It will be all electronic. The next two weeks, both electronic and paper copies will be sent out. This will save over 400 hours in volunteer time and countless reams of paper. Linda thanked the Jensen family who has generously copied the backpack mail at their own expense the past two years. Linda said that the guidelines for what can be included in backpack mail will not change. We will still not generally allow fliers for items that can be advertised in the pink. However, occasionally there are exceptions. Marilyn must approve any exception to the rule. Teachers are also being strongly encouraged to distribute their own correspondence with parents electronically. The backpack mail email will always come on a Sunday so people will know to expect it.

Additional Business

Boxtops for Education

Paula Strand encouraged people to clip boxtops off qualifying products. She said the dimes add up to hundreds of dollars raised for the PTA. She reminded people that it helps her tremendously when people clip carefully.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Mowbray

Following the adjournment, Dr. Deborah Stipek spoke regarding, "Motivating Children to Love Learning".

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