

## PTO Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2011 and Thursday May 12th

### In Attendance:

1. Erin Harnish
2. Rosemary Griggs
3. Tami Duschik
4. Ellen Nickerson

Treasurer Report: An updated report was not available in time for the meeting. Did summarize that will have a fundraising committee next year and that we will have Auction committee as part of this as well. Rosemary, Ann Travers, Shawni Wheeler, Teri Smith and those involved in running the fundraisers and the Auction will be part of this committee and report progress to the PTO. Plan for a Fall fundraiser : Jog a thon and then a Spring order type fundraiser. Likely will do the Christmas tree fundraiser with pre orders again. There is interest in a tree lot, but staffing it would be difficult at that time of year.

Community Garden: The community has been raising money, paid off debt, has been planted and is working on a summer care and watering plan.

School Newspaper: Spring copy still being worked on.

No ads sold for lack of volunteers to call for ads and put them in. Something we can look to in the future. Many articles this time! Goal is to have it out by May 31<sup>st</sup> Spring Concert.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:

Went well with having something in the lounge each day and potluck lunch. Continue to come up with ideas to coordinate school wide volunteering to benefit all staff and cut back on redundant efforts.

Lenten Pizza Dinner:

Well attended and we actually came out ahead by asking for donations. Pizza purchased with donated salad and drinks. Used paper plates and dressings on hand. 4<sup>th</sup> grade made desserts and some cookies donated by another family were also a big hit. We had games for the kids. About 120 people.

Book Swap:

Had our final Book Swap of the year, purchased some used books so kids had lots of choices this time. Need to collect books throughout year for this

Art Night reception:

We decided to host the reception with appetizers: Only 3 people volunteered to bring things so purchased and brought items and donated these from Pres. . Had sparkling cider, cookies, brownies, veggies and dip, pretzels and dip, cheese tray and crackers, fruit tray, veggie chips, carrots and spinach dip, apples and caramel, pita and hummus. All items were well received and consumed. Would do again.

Spring program:

1. Election of new officers for 2011-2012 school years.
2. A dessert reception will occur following the spring program. We would like school families to donate the desserts- call for cookie donation via email...so far one response

3. Discussed further ideas for nominations and will continue to leave nominations open and actively look for interested individuals.

**Bullying:** Discussed there is an issue at our school that needs to be addressed. Would like to see a counselor at our school. Kids seem to be less obvious in their causing other kids to feel hurt or uncomfortable so it seems things are going undetected and uncorrected. Discussed “Clubs” at recess, kids getting called names and exclusive behavior. Discussed prevention including more positive reinforcement for good behavior and more emphasis on monthly virtue.

Need more school to home information on virtues, problems, improvements needed so parents can work as a team with the school.