

Minutes for Nov 3rd, 2009
Meeting of the Pompo/Center Support Group (PCSG)
of the Stow Parent Teacher Organization
PTO website: www.stowpto.org

1. Approval of Minutes from the Oct 6th, 2009 Meeting (approved with corrections)

2. Fundraising report –Kelly Buttiglieri/Dina DeMayo

Kelli sending me correct numbers

- Fall Fundraising – Green Benefits (in place of wrapping paper and related products)
 - Low participation; total sales of only \$26.86
 - Company had poor communication and feedback – will not use them again
- Thanksgiving Pie Benefit – forms sent home (concern of not getting home given many kids out sick). Will also be in the newsletter. Also soliciting to staff. Pie Guy charges \$12 of which PTO makes 50% profit.
- Consider Meadow Farms or Innisbrook again for next Fall. Also considering specialty basket raffle – discussion on possible venues and timing for this (such as display at March parent-teacher conferences, for example).
- Dance and roller skating party ideas floated as well.
- Community event (within and beyond Stow) suggested, as opposed to asking parents to spend money on products that are not a necessity (given the economy). A show, for example (magic, local bands, Japanese Drummers, dance group, etc. - also add baked goods and raffle to top it off!)
- Request to network to find other fund raising ideas and send to Kelly and Deena.

3. Services Committee — Kathleen Ruslias/Kristen Straub

- Kindergarten Orientation Update went well – thanks to Maryanne Talpey!
- Directory is done! ~\$4K in Ads and well wishes. Cost of ~\$2400. Same people will help again next year. Some changes needed after that. Considering asking about pre-orders for next year.
- Wishing Snowflakes: 11/17 8:30 at Dunkin Donuts to write out the teacher wishes on the snowflakes – will be hung by end of that week. Most of teacher requests are in.
- Teacher conferences coming up – initial prep tbd.

5. Arts Buffet Festival – Stacy Almy/Gretchen Hunter

- Reminder that date is 3/27 (11am-2pm). Meeting on 11/8 for creative ideas for the buffet.
- Grant meeting soon. Won't hear back on whether or not approved until ~end of January.

6. Arts and Cultural Programming Update--- Maureen Hogan

- New suggestion sent to Maureen: Enrichment arts program in Bolton (school confirmed positive response to this program); self-portrait discussion, examples, individual photos w/props during school – children pick their favorite; gallery display later – all orders handled by this person; Cost ~\$1100. Several questions Maureen will follow-up on.
- Karen Ashworth will be assisting/shadowing Maureen and take over next year.

Programs:

- 2nd Grade: had Bug Works
- 3rd Grade: 10/26 was Ray LaChance about Native Americans
- 4th Grade: Bach to Beatles program held today. American Journey on January 22nd 2010
- Archeologist (free) program being considered as well.
- Preference for grade-level targeted programs (vs. whole school), if budget constrained.

7. Website- Tracy White Wendland

- License for domain name renewed for next 5 years. (Leslie and Tracy as owners)
- Site update with Arts Buffet info
- Soliciting descriptions for next years' PTO openings. Still need Treasurer, Secretary, Services.
- Soliciting for info on the various PTO events, etc. and get it out there!
- Yahoo group for the PTO – Tracy looking into this.
- Requested PDF of 'Notes to School' Form to put on website (Kristen will send)
- Suggestion to post financial summary – Debi will send this. Ellen will send final minutes versions.

8. Old Business

- Box top Coordinator – Kathy O’Keefe/Krista Bracci
 - Coupons from Campbell’s and boxtops made available
 - To Date: 8358 towards goal of 11840 (total # of boxtops). Expect check in ~\$700 in December.
 - Working mtg for labels, etc. this Friday at Dunkin Donuts 12:30 to 2:30.
 - Labels for education (e.g., Campbell’s) – earn points to buy school items; 504 points thus far.
- Lip Sync Coordinator – Linda Harmon, looking for co-coordinator
 - Still not gotten volunteer response needed – could jeopardize moving forward.
 - Save the date – January 30th (snow date January 31st); rehearsals on 25th and 27th

9. New Business

- Picnic:
 - Shutting down all Center field usages on June 1st due to breaking ground date.
 - Friday May 21st – Tuesday June 1st suggested as window to consider (avoid Memorial Day).
 - Hale also a possibility if available.
 - Conversations in progress with potential new chair.
 - Thank you note form Gym teacher on Mats.

10. Treasurer’s Update - Debi Estey

- 9-30-09 Treasurer’s Report submitted.
- Checking totals at this point from ‘Notes to School’ profits

11. **Meeting Schedule** – generally keep to 2nd Tuesday of month.
 December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 11

12. Adjourn 9:07pm.

SPTO Meeting Attendee list 11-3-09

Almy, Stacey
Bell, Leslie
Bolinsky, Jane
Buttiglieri, Kelly
DeMayo, Dina
Estey, Debi
Hogan, Maureen
Hunter, Gretchen
Kim, Youm
Magasanik, Renee
O’Keefe, Kathy
Piccioli, Ellen
Quinn, Mary-Kathryn
Rusilas, Kathleen
Straub, Kristen
White Wendland, Tracy
Winin, Linda
Yvanovich, Myie