

## F.E. Peacock Middle School P.T.O. Minutes of September 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Anne Larson P.T.O. President, Called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Our Faculty representatives were Dr. Tornatore, Dr. Nickisch, Nancy Krefetz,

And Sandy Bernahl. Present P.T.O. representatives: Anne Larson President, Cheryl Pigott Treasurer, and Denise Glennon Secretary. Parents present: Cheryl Parker, Denise Butler, Kim Leider, Mari Minor, Frances Avgerinos, Ann Marie Samaras, Yulinda Meccia, Terri Kovach and Olga Cruickshank.

Introductions were made.

The change in by laws were brought up and tabled for more teacher input. A survey will go out to the teachers. Olga was asked to come back to our next meeting.

Teacher's Report Sandy Bernahl. Sandy asked to increase the prizes for national library week, so that the students would know we really value reading. On Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> the Hotel Arista in Naperville will be flying in authors to speak. This is sponsored by Anderson's book shop, the cost is \$99.00 to attend and Sandy plan to go.

Check out the web site for more information. [www.andersonsbookshop.com](http://www.andersonsbookshop.com)

The media center budget was increased from \$100.00 to \$300.00.

The book fair is not run by the P.T.O. It is run by a parent, Vergina Cicco for the media center.

Cherly Parker asks for more funds for the Musical. Olga states the music boosters has its own fundraisers and the P.T.O. is for the general over all school and not specifically the musical. The P.T.O. has budgeted \$500.00 for the musical this year, same as last year. Dr. Nickisch states the Itasca Bank will match up to \$2500.00 for money raised for the musical. The music boosters has more plans for fundraising this year.

The dvd year book has been cut due to the budget. The cost to us is \$10.00 and Mr. Travis handles the dvd year book. Video is an elective for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Dr. Nichisch will check into why exactly it was cut.

Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were read. Sandy Bernahl made a motion to approve the minutes, as read and Olga Cruickshank seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

#### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented and Cheryl Parker made a motion to approve the report. Terri Kovach seconded the report as read. The treasurer's report was approved.

#### Principal's Report

Dr. Nickisch Curriculum night on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> was very well attended. I was the highest turn out, a 15% increase over the last 5 years.

Vandalism as occurred and window was broken and a few other things over the years. The district is looking into surveillance cameras to be installed at the back steps and the west parking lot. They are checking into the cost factors.

Due to the economy some schools have had to cut several programs. Sports included, it is sad that Spring Wood will not be at conference this year.

We are ending the discovery testing, this gives the teachers a base line in reading and math to help better group the students.

#### Committee Reports

Hot Lunch Cheryl Pigott. Hot lunch starts next Tuesday. We have \$5400.00 already collected and about 215 students have turned in their forms, this is about average. The forms were passed out with the orientation packets on orientation day and about 90% returned are from those in the packets. This seemed to work well. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Lessa Rahe.

Dances Denise Glennon. Our first P.T.O. dance is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. This year the school calendar is on-line only. You are able to print it out. We have a new DJ we are going to be using. Recommended by Olga at the end of last year. He will save us about \$100.00 per event.

Target Anne Marie Samaras. We received a check in the amount of \$507.74. It was passed over to Cheryl Pigott to be deposited.

Benefit Nights Cheryl Parker. We are currently selling Cross Roads Pizza coupons thru Sept. We receive 50% back in sales. We have sold 16 cheese pizzas and 4 sausage pizzas. We are trying to put it on the web site so you

are able to download the coupons. We will have a benefit night with Chipolte in October. I am still trying to get a paper recycling bin on the town property some where. She also asked if we can get an e-mail addresses List to send out reminders.

Phone Directory Lisa Gregor. Yes. Lisa is still doing the directory this year. This will be her last year. Anne says we are trying to get business to place ads in the back of the directory. If you know of anyone who would like to Place an ad please contact Anne. Olga suggests to go to Thursday business night down town.

Scholarships Yulinda Meccia We will have a total of two scholarships this year, same as last year.

Sweats and Tees Anne Marie Samaras We have a new designs. Pink, Base ball style, Cameo, Sling back packs. Both sets are available. We have sold 13 more than last year already. Do deadline to order. We have increased the price a little, this means more money for the P.T.O. If you would like to place an order please contact Anne Marie.

Lake Park Liaisons Nicole Olga brings up the point that Nicole has no one at Lake Park. We are looking for a volunteer to head this committee and report back. Maybe Kim Leider or Denise Butler they both have students at Lake Park and maybe attending the meetings.

School Board Kim Lieder The August meeting. District 10 will not be receiving any additional funds from the government at this time. The state still owes our district \$156,000.00. The school board did approve the hiring of an additional teacher in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Dr. Tornatore is asking the school board to approve funding for an additional bus for Nordic Park to help during the construction time. Currently the bus company and Dist. 10 have adjusted the pick-up time for the students on bus 5 to Peacock. This will help increase the odds that students in Franzen and Benson arrive on time. During the P.T.O meeting: Everyone discussed how early the students are being picked up and what was happening to them once they arrived at Peacock. Dr Nickisch assured us that they were being watched and let into the building. The school door are open at 7:50 but for Band and Choirs the door open at 7:10 am. The going home time is taking longer that usual also. They are looking into switching a few students to a different bus. The traffic is just bad everywhere, they are even looking into taking Mill Road.

The talent show is still on.

Olga suggested we get more 6<sup>th</sup> grade moms involved.

Meeting adjourned by Anne Larson at 7:55pm.