

Unapproved –

District PTO Meeting Minutes October 17th, 2007

Meeting began at 3:15 pm and ended at 4:15pm.

In Attendance:

Paul Windsor

Liane Raso

Melynda Onusaitis

Linda Millbrandt

Janeise Schultz

Jill Hansen

Kimberly Liles

Nadine Bahaveolos

Minutes Reviewed from September meeting and approved.

District Financials

District PTO Fund Balance: \$ 17,006.33

This does not include the Market Day Sales from September that were \$ 892.00.

Ide Playground fund current balance is: (284.42)

Pending costs include: a playground sign, plaques for rocks, and installation costs. The committee hopes to raise the remaining funds by the end of the year and close out the account.

District PTO Fundraisers in Place

1. Magazine Drive

Karen Azriel is district chairperson. The final numbers will not be in until the end of the year. The children's prizes have been ordered and will likely be distributed by the end of the month. The bill for the prizes usually is delivered in November with actual payment by the company to the district by the end of the year. There is still time to order magazines on line at GAFUNDRAISING.COM. The ID # is 451369. The schools/district will continue to get credit for those magazines ordered. Mr. Windsor, Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Hansen will arrange the special luncheon at Home Run Inn Pizza for those children in the district who sold 25 + magazines. Current 2007 totals by school are as follows:

Ide	\$ 19,325.10 (down \$ 1,980.33 from 2006)
Prairieview	\$ 23,306.00 (down \$ 1,547.92 from 2006)
Lakeview	\$ 23,621.00 (up \$ 881.02 from 2006)

Overall the district is down \$2,647.23 from the sales in 2006. This does not include any future orders on line.

2. District Social Fundraiser

Theresa Herstowski and Maureen Gibbons are this years Chairpersons. They are looking for a chairperson to run the gift baskets/silent auction part of the event. The date for the event will be March 8, 2008. It will be a family movie event at Hollywood Boulevard. Possible movie idea's include ET. Prices from 2006-07 were reviewed however the chairs will need to obtain specific info from the facility prior to setting the cost of the tickets. They are still working with the facility to arrange for an appropriate movie. We are not able to get 2 screens this year. Costs may be higher this year to hold the event. Recommendation made by the chairpersons to try and work with families at each school, prior to the new year, to obtain tickets/items for the silent auction/gift baskets for the fundraiser. Their thought is that the person who ends up chairing the auction part of the event will need a head start with the project. They have also requested that the gift baskets be limited to a few from each school and to focus on the silent auction part of the fundraiser.

3. Market Day

Paul Knight and Christina Wiseman are the district chairs again this year. Christina is currently out as she recently gave birth to her child. The pie fundraiser will continue to be in November. The goal this year is to get to the top tier of \$3.75 profit per pie which equals at least 500 pies. Last year we only got \$1.75 per pie. Christina is trying to see how we can encourage families to purchase pies which will be donated to a food pantry for the Thanksgiving Holiday. October's sale brought in approximately \$ 830. Discussed the issue of volunteer's at Market Day. In the past year a trend has emerged with only a handful of volunteers helping with Market Day. With only a few volunteers, the Market Day team is not able to pre-pack all orders. A recommendation by the board was made to only pre-pack the big orders and return to having those who order fill their orders when they pick up. The process of how volunteers are organized was also reviewed. A recommendation was made to have someone from each school's PTO call the volunteers prior to the pick up date and obtain a confirmation as to whether they can provide help on that date. If more volunteers are needed then the PTO will be responsible to try and arrange for volunteers from the other schools. Ide is responsible for volunteers for the month of November. The date of the sale is: November 10th, 2007. Volunteers needed from 9:30am until 11am. Pick up will be from 11am until noon.

4. Restaurant/Dinner's Out

We have 2 co-chairs for this fundraiser this year. Christine Cioni and Aymee Zimmerman, will work on arranging these dinner's out. The goal is to begin the monthly fundraising dinners by November. Nadine Bahaveolos has arranged the first fundraiser for district 66. Dream Dinner's, located in Downers Grove, (in Best Buy shopping center) has agreed to working with our district from November 1st through December 15th. If anyone would like to arrange for a party – they can do so at anytime. An individual can also go there and purchase foods and inform them they are from our district. Further details will follow and be sent out to the district families explaining the program.

School PTO Directory

A PDF file will be sent out like last year to all families with an email address on file – allowing them to print their own copy at no cost. The goal remains to have the directory ready for print by the end of October. All input and updating has been completed by each individual PTO and each file has been sent to Kathy Kucera for compiling and formatting. Once the formatting is complete then N. Bahaveolos will work with the printer in an effort to obtain all the printed copies for those families who ordered a hard copy. Discussion was reviewed by the board as to how to handle the PTO Directory for the next school year. Possible options included: providing a printed hard copy to all families within the district, making it part of the school fees, no longer offering the printed copy or retaining the current system of individual purchase by families. A board motion was made and it was agreed that the PTO will provide the school directory next year as a gift to families, thus eliminating the issues that arose this school year. A further recommendation was made to have the PTO request a volunteer to be the chairperson for this prior to the end of this school year.

School Events/Building Updates

All schools reviewed what events will be occurring at each school for the remainder of the month of October and November.

Ide

October 26th – All School Halloween Party

November 9th – Movie Night at Prairieview (Meet the Robinsons)

November/December – Service Project to be held – gift boxes for our service men/woman

Prairieview

October 18th – Bookfair

November 17th – 18th – Family Portrait Night

*** Taffy Apples ready for pick – up (did well as a fundraiser)

Lakeview

October 19th – Dance at the school

October 22nd - Red Ribbon Week Assembly

October 31st – 6th Grade Halloween Party

Other

Discussion held relating to the next scheduled meeting. November's meeting cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday break.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 19th, 2007 at 3:15pm at Lakeview