

PTO MEETING
March 11, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Patty Messina	Rob Harrison
Jen Gallagher	Heidi Voulgaris
Sue Freeman	Dyan Reinhold
Patti Caires	Jen Marden
Carol Ruest	Sara O'Bara
Sue Poor	Susan Karalias
Karen Batchelder	Lisa Linnehan
Patty DiStefano	Inez Steele
Tracy Duprey	

Meeting started at 7:05pm

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Everything is going well. ASE checks were written out with a few more to go. We have a total of \$43,468.93. Tina couldn't be here tonight.
2. **PRINCIPALS:** At HRD, Rob wanted to thank the Wingmasters who came in for the 5th grade. HRD also got a preview for the High school musical, Bye Bye Birdie yesterday. All the classes are working on items for the auction. MCAS testing starts 3/30. Rob also wanted to thank everyone for the Teachers are Souper luncheon, especially Susan Karalias. At FNS, Patty also wanted to thank everyone for the Teachers are Souper luncheon. The teachers loved it. ASE is wrapping up this week but there are still makeups that will start next week. The Jump-A-Thon assembly went great. The book fair is being held this week, with family night being last night. There will be a Title I workshop next Thursday based on MCAS. Curious Creatures will be coming on March 20th for the Kindergarteners. Their rainforest program will be on March 24th.
3. **TEACHER'S:** Carol Ruest and Patty DiStefano from FNS attended. Thank you both for coming.
4. **CAMP KIEVE SCHOLARSHIPS:** The 6th graders are going to Camp Kieve for 3 days/2nights right before April break. It is a leadership camp that helps kids learn about problem solving etc. The PTO approved to move between \$500-\$600 to help those kids who can't afford to go be able to.

5. **MOVIE NIGHT:** Movie night will be this Friday, March 13th at FNS at 7pm. The movie is Horton Hears a Who. Thanks to Jen Marden & Heidi Voulgaris for running this event again.
6. **SPRING SOIREE & SILENT AUCTION:** Tickets will be going on sale next week. The prices will be the same as last year, \$25 each. Teacher tickets are available as well for a discounted rate. Right now, there is a shortfall on gift certificates. If anyone can get any donations, contact Tracy Duprey.
7. **6TH GRADE GRADUATION T-SHIRTS:** Every year the PTO gives the 6th graders shirts & the kids sign each others. They are getting printed now. The PTO approved \$806 for the shirts.
8. **BINGO NIGHT:** Bingo night will be held on Thursday, April 9th, since there is no school on Friday due to Good Friday. Sharon Pacenka & some of the kids doing community service for the school will be running this event.
9. **SPONSOR A CLASSROOM:** The teacher checks went out. Thank you notes are coming in. Checks need to be cashed & spent by April 1st. Thanks again to Sharon Pacenka for all her work on this. It is very much appreciated.
10. **T-SHIRTS:** Feedback has been great. Sara thinks she will do it again in mid-April for those people that missed the first one. The order would come in by mid-May. Thanks Sara.
11. **FALL FUNDRAISER:** We had 2 presentations for our fall fundraiser. First, we had Susan Karalias speak on behalf of Phil Gahan from Genevieve. Genevieve offers 50% profits on everything except personalized plates & the extra catalogs which would be a 40% profit. Next, we had Anne Sweeney representing Innisbrook, who we went with last year. She explained to us how they have revamped things & have very easy online ordering. This will eliminate paper order forms. Everything with them has a 50% profit. It was decided we would make a decision at next month's meeting. Thanks to both for your presentations.
12. **ASE:** ASE is all done except for makeup classes. An updated calendar for these makeups will go on the PTO website. Thanks again to Lisa Linnehan for doing this again.
13. **YARD SALE:** The yard sale will be at FNS on May 16th from 9-1. Collection day will be on May 15th from 8am-6pm. Start saving up items to donate. If you can help out with this event, please contact Susan Karalias.
14. **APRIL VACATION IDEAS:** We were talking about doing a fundraiser at either Skateland in Bradford or at Leo's Superbowl but it was decided to take a year off.
15. **BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER:** Pick up & delivery on the butterbraids & cookie dough will be on April 1st, from 2pm-5pm. Thanks Tracy.
16. **GOLD FUNDRAISER:** Lisa Linnehan presented doing a gold party fundraiser. 15% of each person's profit would go to the PTO. Lisa will get more info on this.
17. **SAL'S PIZZA:** Sal's contacted Tracy about having weekly, monthly fundraiser nights. Tracy will look into it more after the auction is over. The PTO would get a 10% profit.

18. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Appropriations are done twice a year. All that were submitted came to a total of \$2575.76-\$2675.76. They were all approved. Descriptions are in the PTO binder. Also, a few months ago, Mrs. Keach had an appropriation for an auditory system. The amount for this went from \$1014 to \$1649. We already approved the \$1014 but since we had a low amount for the other appropriations, the PTO approved covering the difference for this system.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35PM