

Lancaster PTO Minutes

September 20, 2007

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Tracey Atkins, Vicky Bearce, Lynn Burke, Paula Castner, Irene Connor, Bonnie Cook, Rita DiStefano-French, Pam Harris, Patty Harris, Elizabeth Henry, Tonia Hicks, Wanda Hill, Lowrissa Hovasse, Wendy Hyma, JoAnn Johnston, Norma Kelley, Susan LaBossiere, Liz Leonard, Patti Linenkemper, Julie MacDonald, Gina MacNeil, Valerie McGregor, Beth McNally, Kathy Markham, Sheila Milioto, Susan Munyon, Lori Newton, Andrew Nyasani, Betty Ogborn, Raksha Patel, Sharon Poch, Estee Ramirez, Paula Rhoades, Barbara Stocker, Rachel Vanasse, Nancy Weber, Pam Weir.

II. Treasurer's Report—Lori Newton

Available Funds: \$18,788.40

III. Program Updates:

Genevieve's Fundraiser--Raksha Patel for Gina Barrett.

The order forms have been sent home with the students. The orders are due back by Oct. 1st. Gina will send home a couple of reminders.

Cultural Enrichments—Tonia Hicks

Tonia briefly explained the Cultural Enrichment Program.

Family Portraits Update—Sheila Milioto for Gina Lovoi

The schedule for the portraits is almost full for both Sept. 29th and 30th.

Phone Book Directory—Sheila Milioto

Should be completed by Mid-October. Legacy has generously agreed to print the directory with the spiral binding.

“A Note to School” pads—Susan Munyon

The order has been put in with Legacy to print on yellow paper with green lettering. Will print 500 pads, each with 60 pages. Should be done next week. We can include the order form in the newsletters for both schools.

IV. New Business/Programs:

Walk for Education—Lynn Burke

We will hold a week-long walk-a-thon where the students will collect pledges and walk laps around a chartered course.

Mother/Son Movie Night—Raksha Patel

One possibility for the event is to hold a movie night at the Strand Theater. A concern was raised that there isn't much one on one contact at the movies. A game night was proposed. Will look into other options.

BJ Fundraiser—Sheila Milioto

Will run from 9/24 to 10/12. Good for new members or for renewals. Basic Membership is \$35 (\$10 off regular \$45 fee) and it is extended to 15 months vs 12. \$5 of the membership is donated to the PTO.

Hannaford Helps Schools—Sheila Milioto

Runs from 9/2 to 12/01. When certain quantities for specific brands are purchased, Hannaford dollar coupons are generated. They can be deposited in a bin marked MRE and LBM near the checkouts.

Family Fun Magazine—Lynn Burke

The annual subscription price is \$10. \$5 of that money goes back to the PTO.

Casino Night— Vicky Bearce for Shawna LeBlanc and Elaine Perkins

Vicky has contact info for a company that sets up for Casino Night.

Family Fun Night—Lynn Burke

We are considering Steve Wronker, Hypnotist to perform tentatively on Dec. 1st. Lynn will book the auditorium at MRE and also at the high school and determine which school to use depending on the number of tickets sold. We would also hold raffles for theme baskets. We would try to get local professional sponsors to help pay for the \$800 fee.

Classroom Project Silent Auction

The students would make a project as a classroom. Perhaps we can post the pictures on the website. Projects can be displayed outside the classrooms during the week of December 3rd, parent-teacher conferences. Need to determine how the parents can bid on the items.

Summer Camp & Activity Guide—Lynn Burke

We would gather summer camp and activity info from the parents and invite those companies to advertise in our guide. Perhaps Legacy can print the guides?

Brewer's Offering

Scott Rossley and Bob Connor have indicated an interest in holding the event this year.

V. Funding Requests:

Lori Newton requested \$600 for accounting services and \$199 for renewal of PTO Manager. \$600 and \$199 were approved.

Canoe Trip—JoAnn Johnston

Ms. Johnston requested money to help pay for the 4th Grade Nashoba Paddlers Canoe trip. \$1200 approved.

VI. Miscellaneous:

Paula Castner presented a fundraising idea for the Middle School, called "**Penny Wars**" where a big jar is placed in each classroom and object is to fill it with as many pennies as you can. Another class can sabotage by putting other coins or paper money into the jars. Points are deducted for anything other than pennies. Half the money can go to PTO and the other half can go to the charity of choice of the winning classroom. Paula proposed that it be held in Nov/Dec. Paula offered to handle the project.

“Project Runway” event considered for Middle School. Contact Mrs. Chalke.

Halloween Party for Middle school? Check with Mr. Perkins.

Talent show for Middle school? Annie Chagnon spoke with Mr. Perkins.

VII. Next Meeting Date: October 11, 2007 at 6:45

VIII. Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.