

The Foot Bridge PTA Meeting ***Monday, February 8, 2010***

Attendance: Jane Allen, Toni Berg, Ed Cavin, Jan Dornseif, Laura Emms, Karleen Goodman, Merrily Karel, Denise Manda, Nikki Robbins, Shelli Wilk

The meeting was opened by President, Laura Emms, at 6:35pm.

Old Business:

Used Book Donations - Mrs. Sloom reports that \$16 was earned from donated books this month. The money allowed her to purchase eight new books for our library. Keep the donations coming!

Wine Gala – It has been scheduled for April 30th. An announcement will be made to parents in the newsletter. A Chairperson is still needed for the event.

Bylaws Committee – A meeting has been scheduled for March 4th, following assembly, to identify changes that need to be made in PTA Bylaws. A followup meeting will be held March 18th at 8:45am. Interested volunteers should contact Merrily Karel.

Spirit Week – “Smile for School Spirit” was orchestrated by Laura Emms. Students received smiley magnets with a note from the PTA on their lockers during Spirit Week. Thanks to those parents that visited each class to distribute smiles in the form of a goody bag containing a notebook, pen, and smiley sticker. Parents volunteers included Jane Allen, Toni Berg, Scarlett Atkins, Jan Dornseif, Michele Johnson, Laura Emms, Kathy Wetzell, and Holly Jacoby.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by Karleen Goodman to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2010 Foot Bridge PTA meeting as provided. Second by Jan Dornseif. Motion approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Our current balance (cash on hand) is \$10,874.46. Karleen Goodman made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Second by Jane Allen. Motion approved. Denise further reported that she would be filing the 990 for last year and the current year. She also reviewed the preliminary budget and fundraising goals which were discussed at the budget committee meeting.

Principal’s Report: Ed Cavin reported on funding request details and donations to benefit the school. In-Kind donations of approximately eight to ten thousand dollars were made for: three projectors from a 3M grant, and two Smart Boards from Applied Business Communications, Inc. Greg Hickman provided a donation for software upgrade which was matched by Microsoft in their product matching program. Additional hardware, operating software, and student learning software are needed in the amount of \$6,200. Karleen Goodman moved to approve the expense. Second by Jan Dornseif. Motion approved. Additional science equipment (mostly models and wall charts) for \$1,200 is also requested at this time. These funds were earmarked for science equipment from last year. Karleen Goodman moved to approve the expense. Second by Denise Manda.

Ed also announced the next Open House recruiting event, scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th, 6:15-7:30pm. Postcards were distributed for advertising. They will be distributed to parents later in the week.

Committee Reports:

Pizza Sales at Science Fair - Laura Emms reported that the PTA provided pizza vouchers as a thank you gift to judges. To date, pizza sales are as follows: 70 dinner tickets sold and 65 pizza vouchers. Some donations have been received for the dinner. Ed Cavin recently provided followup letters to potential donors. Donations are still being solicited, but will be purchased if needed.

Box Tops – Susan Asplund sent a report that \$135 of box tops were processed this month. The next check will be sent April 15th.

New Business:

Munchkin Markets – Guest, Krystal Belisle, of Munchkin Markets presented her fundraising program. Thanks to Karleen Goodman for investigating the program and inviting her to speak. There are three ways for Foot Bridge to make money:

- 1) Deliver our goods for consignment. A portion of what we sell will go back to PTA.
- 2) Distribute postcards to family and friends that may attend the sale event. Foot Bridge will earn \$1 for each postcard presented.
- 3) Shop Saturday afternoon and 10% of the sale will go back to Foot Bridge PTA.

Additional benefits include early shopping for participating individual consignors, and a half-price Sunday sale. Information will be distributed to all parents of both Footprints and Peace of Mind.

Western Night – A proposal for a Western Night dance was presented by Merrily Karel, Shelli Wilk and Toni Berg for Friday, April 9, 2010. The family event would be free. A dinner of pulled pork sandwiches would be offered for approximately \$5 per person. A request was made for \$200 to cover event expenses, including crafts, decorations, DJ and Line Dance Teacher gifts, posters, and copies. Karleen Goodman moved to approve the request. Second by Jane Allen. Motion approved. Discussion was made in regards to offering dinner earlier than the start of the dance. Further details will be presented at the next meeting.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast – The Foot Bridge PTA will sponsor a staff breakfast during Staff Appreciation Week in April. All staff, including Peace of Mind staff, will be invited to the breakfast.

Movie Night – Laura Emms reported that a Movie Night will be scheduled for March. Merrily Karel moved to approve a budget of up to \$80 for the event. Second by Jan Dornseif. Motion approved.

Health Awareness – Denise Manda provided flyers on a health awareness education opportunity for us to consider. The website is www.transitionslifestyle.com.

U.S. First Organization – Denise Manda proposed that Footprints Academy or the Foot Bridge PTA consider a robotics program which begins with LEGO building. It is run by parent teams. Registration for the organization begins in May.

Review of the 2009/2010 PTA Event Calendar – See the attached calendar.

Thank you to Gary Robbins and Thomas Emms for providing child care for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 8, 2010 6:30pm in the cafeteria