

DELANCO PTO

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2012 MEETING

7:33 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Susan Hoffman. There were 20 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Tracey Hamlin provided the September's Secretary's Report and it was circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was provided by Ruth Esposito, Treasurer. The report was circulated. Balance in Delanco Federal Savings Bank account: \$17,034.05.

OLD BUSINESS

KidStuff Books: There are a few books still outstanding. PTO sold 171 books for a \$2,137.50 profit. Colleen Truncer who chaired this fundraiser indicated 25 books were returned. It was noted that we did not have as high of a profit this year, probably because more schools in the area are selling them.

Membership: Kathy Haines reported that the membership drive was a success. The top classes were: 4-Greway with 257% participation; 6W (Zacher) with 220% participation and tie for third place: K-Smith and 2-Schroff with 217% participation. All classes will receive an ice cream party.

Fall Fundraiser; Liz Rottinger reported the total profit sales was \$8,350 which is down from close to \$10,000 from last year. Delivery will be November 14th from 3-7 pm at Walnut Street School. The PTO is in need of volunteers to hand out the fundraising items. Three classes had 50% participation and will receive ice cream parties: 2-Schroff, 2- Chiemiego and 4-Greway.

Back to School Night; Thank you to all volunteers who helped with PTO tables as well as the blood drive during back to school night. Mr. Pettie indicated he thought turnout was less than previous years but also indicated there are 25 fewer students in Walnut Street this year.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Annmarie O'Malley chaired this event. She indicated the Red Cross phoned her and was not happy with the low turnout. PTO President Sue Hoffman indicated that maybe next year since this is NOT any sort of fundraising event but a community service, maybe next year we should contact the Township to see if they have any interest in hosting the event.

Book Fair: According to Mrs. Lipinski (who was not present) the event went well. Thank you to all volunteers who helped children purchase books that week including Marissa Braun, Janet Denlinger and Kathy Haines.

Back to School Bingo: Ruth Esposito chaired this event. She indicated there were 180 kids at Bingo and it went very well. Mrs. Deaner came out to help and Mrs. Behnke called the numbers for the kids. A special thank you to all 8th grade volunteers who helped out including Casey Ventresca, Krista Ouellette and Matt Orfe.

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night: Ruth Esposito indicated the night was a success. Chick-Fil-A indicated total sales that night were over \$1,300 and once again the PTO will receive 20% of sales or \$329.15. Mrs. Smith's 1st grade will win a pretzel party for highest participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Nutri-Serve: Nutri-Serve provided cookies for the PTO members to sample. These are low-fat cookies which are being offered during lunch as well as added to the "birthday menu" that parents can order for their children for their birthday. It was noted that Nutri-Serve staff can prepare these cookies and serve them warm on the day of the children's birthday. The general consensus was the cookies were very good and was an option to consider in the future.

Babysitting Service: President Susan Hoffman indicated that in the future the PTO would offer babysitting services for any member who wishes to attend meetings but is in need of babysitting service. Babysitting service is free and the students doing the service will be able to receive credit for community service.

Fall Skating Party: Ruth Esposito is chairing this event on Sunday, October 21st from 5:15 to 7:15 pm. Cost is \$4 per person and includes admission and slice of pizza and a drink, Skates can be rented at the rink. The PTO will also have face painting at this event as well as treat bags for students attending.

Box Tops/Magnets/Shirt Sales: Tracey Hamlin indicated the box tops contest ends Wednesday, October 24th and asked for all box tops to be submitted at that time. The PTO is also selling car magnets for \$5.00 each. Information was sent home through school or is on the website. The PTO is also selling "Delanco" or "Delanco Dragon" shirts. The sale started on the 15th of October and runs through November 16th. Information was sent home through school and is also on the website.

Holiday Auction: Liz Rottinger is once again chairing the auction. This year the auction will be held on Friday, December 7th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the auction will start at 7:30 p.m. Once again donations are needed from local businesses and parents. The students are asked to make donations according to their grade and are to be sent to school to receive credit. Liz asked if the PTO wanted to again offer a McDonald's party as an incentive for students to bring items in. The PTO Board indicated we did want to do this.

OTHER BUSINESS

RAMS's Booster: Liz Rottinger indicated this upcoming weekend (October 20th) is homecoming weekend. Upcoming events are scrapbooking in February and an auction in March of next year.

Mr. Pettie: Mr. Pettie did not have much to report. He was unaware of the low turnout of Walnut Street students for the fall fundraiser (11 from Walnut Street). He indicated he would talk to the teachers about participation for the PTO.

A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Janet Denlinger and second by Melinda Hammell.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Liz Rottinger and second by Pam VanZyl.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday November 12th. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm and will be held in the Pearson Conference Room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Liz Rottinger and second by Gina Zimecki.

Thank you Delanco Township Education Association for their continued support through PRIDE, please come out for the next sponsored event – **Halloween Skating Party.*