

Partnership PTA Board Meeting
Thursday October 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Becky Holt

Members present - Beverly Armwood, Becky Holt, Carrie Grey, Andi Cooper, Rena Henry, Alice Hunt Davis, Alison Hiltz, Mark Kenjarski, Lynn Ashby, Arden McFarlane, Mary Hunter Martin and Kathy Garnier

Committee Reports:

Alice Hunt Davis discussed our first service project of the year. October 15th thru October 31st we will participate in "Students Against Hunger" to support our local food bank. We will ask students to bring in non-perishable food items. We will notify parents and students via e-news, Pioneering Spirit Newsletter, ask the grade level teachers to mention something in their weekly newsletters and MHM will mention it in her morning announcements. We will have a wheel barrel in the carpool line to transport food for parents who drop off food during carpool. Alice wondered if we wanted to make this a school wide, grade level competition with the class with the most participation receiving a reward. If that is agreed upon, then we will not have collection bins near the library, only in the grade level hallways. It was suggested that we use the left over hotdogs from the frolic for the winning grade level party.

It was mentioned that our second service project may be "Pennies for Leukemia" which was suggested by a parent to Alice Hunt Davis.

Lynn Ashby from Ways & Means gave dates for the Book Fair. The Book Fair will be held November 27th to November 29th. Tuesday night will be the only evening the Book Fair will be open.

The spring fundraiser will be the last day before break, on March 7th, 2008. We will do a science theme again only with a twist. Details to follow at a future board meeting.

Box Tops for Education is going along well. Holly Camak purchased a Halloween Kitty Webkins to be raffled off at the end of the month. For each 10 box tops brought in, a child will get their name entered into a drawing for the Halloween Webkin.

MHM thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to the Frolic. She noted that photos from the event are still visible on line. She proposed that next year we do not have a rain date and make the event "rain or shine" so as to not have people second guessing if the event was still going to be held. The majority were in agreement. Alice Hunt Davis voiced that there were many concerns for safety due to the lightening and thunder and wanted to know what our plan was for next year if that happened again. Rena noted that when we got there, there was no rain and the VIPER radar showed the rain was going around us. She mentioned the children did not care about being wet, they enjoyed themselves and once the lightening struck, the children were brought inside to eliminate the safety issues. For next year, we may consider having the food set up inside so the event can be held rain or shine as proposed.

Beverly Armwood handed out the budget and discussed the Fall Festival. We netted \$21,314 and she has more checks that came in today that total \$536.00 more. There are some checks that were returned for non-sufficient funds. Those totals are not included in the net. MHM noted that there were 7 classes with 100% participation on raffle tickets so they are entitled to a pizza party. The cost for these parties needs to be subtracted from the earnings total.

There is an expense on the budget for \$392.87 for printing and copying. Mark Kenjarski presented the board with a bill for \$800+ from previous copier contract. He asked if the board would consider paying half. He explained that at the end of our copier lease last year, the school was presented with this bill for overages that have occurred over the past 3 years. It was agreed upon that since it is a bill over \$500.00, we would present it at the general meeting next week and vote to add a line to the budget for next year.

We would ask for \$1500.00 at the next general meeting to pay this bill this year and in the future we will add copying to the budget and set the budgeted amount at \$1000 like it used to be. MHM agreed.

Teacher grants used to be separate from Staff Development in the budget to avoid confusion. Somehow they got combined. It was agreed that we would separate it into two again.

Senior Partner Report

Mark asked if minutes from last meeting were accepted and approved. Rena moved to accept, Becky second. Mark will post on the web.

Senior partners, Karen Lizotte and interns from Broughton are doing Second Step in grades 3 - 5 during planet meetings. Second Step is a program used for conflict resolution. In grades K - 2 they are using a puppet based show. Interns are helping to act out the scenes in the lower grades.

Red Ribbon week will be October 22 - October 26. On Friday the 26th, everyone will be asked to wear red.

Mark and Alice Hunt Davis went to the District 5 advisory board meeting. Group was made up of parents, teachers, administrators and businesses in the community. Discussed 8 ways WCPSS could improve. There are approx. 70 different steps that will need to be done to achieve these 8 different goals. Lead auditor said this could be a 5 year process.

Alice Hunt Davis advised all of new email address. Her new address is:
Learningaswego@bellsouth.net

Alison moved to adjourn at 7:08. Rena second