

Minutes

1/20/09

- I. Heather called the meeting to order.
- II. 2. Jenny read the mission statement.
- III. Nancy provided an update on the buddy pack program.
 - a. In December the PTA was nominated as one of the volunteer organizations of the year by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.
 - b. The Chamber donated \$750.. Additional donations were provided by the teachers and Ms. Beetsma's class. We will be moving the buddy pack program to the middle school where we will have more room. February 10th we will be meeting with the principals to review how the program is going.
- IV. Teacher appreciation
 - a. Nancy reported that all staff received \$10 gift cards for Christmas from the PTA. Thank you notes were shared with members. The next Teacher Appreciation event will be food for parent - teacher conferences in March. In May we will host a luncheon for staff during teacher appreciation week.
- V. Amy provided a review of the budget. The schools were notified that we had extra funds to expend. We received three additional requests for funding. Requests were: primary \$780 for PBS funding; The elementary requested \$660 for two \$330 paper cutters, which was approved.. Motions to approve requests were made and approved. The Third request was for recycle bins at the middle school LeeAnn is going to research obtaining bins more cheaply. Motions made to fund this once all the research was completed. Motion approved.
- VI. Carnival:
 - a. Laura has emailed each room parent re: games and staffing for the carnival. 2nd grade has already committed to doing Plinko. 3rd grade will ask Game Crazy to come.
 - b. Heather announced that we need to decide where and when to host the event. There are two good options: the high School on April 25th or the Optimist on May 16th. Members preferred the April date. She will look into these options and let membership know which ones are viable.
 - c. We will have a silent auction including the desserts, but not a live auction for the desserts.

- d. It will not cost to play games, but we will charge a flat rate for meals. The cost will be determined once the menu is decided.
 - e. It was decided that some booths may have prizes and some will not: each grade will decide.
 - f. It was suggested that we might ask for people to donate a food item for the buddy pack program or a book as an entrance fee.
- VII. Spirit Wear:
- a. We will be selling blackout tee-shirts again this year for the Feb 20th basketball game. Nancy will add dates to sell tee-shirts to a flyer and mail to Heather. A sign up sheet was passed for volunteers to work the sales table.
- VIII. There will be a internet safety course after the Reading Night at the Elementary school on 2/2. Members are encouraged to attend. We need at least 20 attendees. It will be at 7:15 in the lab.
- IX. Heather described Columbia's after school program called "adventure Club". Research shows that kids who attend have better test scores, are safer etc. DESE provides grant money up to \$30,000 for start up. Heather wanted to know if the PTA would support this. A motion was made to do a survey of parents to determine interest level and if the survey shows parents are interested, then the PTA would support it.
- X. Jenny reported that scholarship applications are due in April and reviewed must be done by early May. A signup sheet asking for committee members to review applications was passed around.
- XI. Jenny reported that the Mo PTA kids rally with legislators will be held February 19th at Mill Creek Elementary. Child Advocacy Day will be held 1/27 at the Capital Rotunda.
- XII. Heather called for the meeting to adjourn.