

Feb 16, 2009 Woodstock PTA general meeting

Called to order to 6:34 PM

Minutes were presented and approved without corrections

Dine out nights:

- \$145 received from the Academy Theater
- Pizzicato earned \$365. We need to reconsider for next year, since they require that we earn \$500 to participate. They will give us one more chance.
- Pizza Roma \$100

Treasurer's report, Michelle Braulick:

- We have \$6228.91 available for general operations.
- Income year-to-date has been \$3507.98
- Projecting \$4592 income for the entire year
- Most teachers have not asked for their field trip allocations yet, and we have only been asked for \$158 for reimbursement. We have budgeted \$3500 for the entire year.

Scrip update, Michelle Culley

- Profit is more than \$1300 for the year so far
- \$400 seed money will return to PTA general fund
(see further info under the Scrip discussion)

Principal's report, Mary Patterson

- Mandatory kindergarten meetings have started. There were 40-50 people this morning, 2 more are scheduled. Tours are also happening.
- The program for the mandatory meetings has been revamped with the help of Shen lao shi. They are trying to better address the concerns people have had and to fix the places where problems have come up in the past. Also trying to share more information on Chinese culture as part of the language learning process and as part of Woodstock school culture so parents are not so surprised by the cultural components of the program.

- Not much new info on the high school redesign. Meetings continue.

- A member asked about the school's response to the vandalism. Mrs. Patterson tried to put it into perspective, saying that it was not just Woodstock and that such vandalism (broken windows and such) are generally part of a local pattern where several schools are hit at once. As for the broken windows, they will be replaced soon but the district only has 1-2 glaziers for the whole district, so things just take time. The broken lights will be replaced soon.

Scrip discussion, led by Michelle Culley

-Profits have dropped during January and February to more like \$25-\$40 per week. We need ideas to generate more consistent business

-- Paypal availability/ online ordering

Paypal takes 2.5% of all orders from non-profits which cuts into our profits from scrip (for example, many stores only give us 4% so giving Paypal 2.5% means we get only 1.5%

We could attach a surcharge to all online sales, people have said they would be willing to pay a charge. It might have to be a few dollars.

We could also just charge the 2.5% to each order

-- We could send order envelopes home with kids. We'd need to buy more envelopes.

You can use them for the order and for the waiver so the order can be given directly to the child. We could also send home scrip FAQ packets to remind people of the program

-- No vote needed, consensus seems to be to Paypal to offer online ordering, so Michelle will look into setting it up and advertising it.

Motion #1:

Miss Kim wants to use her \$150 allocation toward both the spring performance and Chinese New Year performances rather than being restricted to one or the other.

EB Ferdig moved that Miss Kim be able to use the funds allocated for either/ both the spring performance and the Chinese New Year performance.

motion seconded by Karen Atkins

no discussion was required

12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

motion passes

Miss Kim also needs 2 skirts sewn for the CNY performance by Tuesday 2/23/10 if anyone can help with that project. Please speak to Miss Kim or Bradi Ross.

Motion #2

Amber Brand has asked Susan Millsap to make a motion for her

For the talent show, it looks like there will be 30 performances of 3 minutes each.

Amber would like pizza and drinks to sell at the show. She is requesting \$175 from PTA general funds which she hopes to be able to reimburse from sales of the pizza and drinks. If all the food sells, she expects to take in \$320. This should be considered more of an advance to Amber for the talent show.

Bradi Ross moved that the PTA set aside \$175 to advance Amber Brand/ the talent show committee for food to be sold at the talent show.

motion seconded by Karen Atkins.

10 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
motion passed

A nominating committee needs to be formed and we are looking for volunteers. New board members for next year are needed and the committee will find and nominate them. You can run if you are on the committee.

EB Ferdig volunteered, followed by
Bradi Ross, Gary Rydout, Audrey Rozell

Elections will be at the April meeting, the May 1st meeting will be the first with the new board in attendance.

Site council update by Eric Polgar, see attached writeup

Spring fundraiser: will run for the 2 weeks before spring break. Starting 3/8/10 and ending 3/19/10. We are asking for \$25 per child, though anything will be accepted. The goal is \$4500.

There will be prizes for the class with the greatest % participating and the largest overall dollar amount. The usual: pizza and bouncy house are the prizes.

Feb 26 Family night will be a showing of Bolt

Family night 4/9, still no firm plan in place

Options presented included: dance, game night, juggling night

Alison Heavener will research a juggling night (instruction and play and practice) and will get back to us by 3/3 to see if it is feasible.

Incoming kindergarten social night: EB Ferdig will meet with the KG class reps and the KG rep to PTA and will plan the KG social night and to plan the welcome and orientation for the incoming KG classes.

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Newsletter: Kristin and EB are offering a prize each week for those who read the whole newsletter and respond to a question. They are looking for small donations to offer as prizes.

Environmental committee (Bradi Ross reporting)

Want to do a bike rally on Saturday 5/22

-helmet fittings, bike rodeo events, bike safety presentations by the Bike Gallery
-want kids to track how much they bike or walk to school—will offer journals for the kids to keep track

-want ideas and volunteers

Recycling: want to recycle more (like milk cartons)

-need volunteers to pick up the recycling and put it out with their home recycling or take it to recycling stations

-getting teachers (Aase and Doss) to plant peas in the garden

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Burgerville dine-out March 18th. Need volunteers to help out in the restaurant.

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Out next turn at the district-wide clothing closet located at Marshall High is coming up and we need volunteers to spend a few hours there helping sort clothes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.