

**PTA General Membership Meeting
February 23, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Kim Johnston, Linda Grasley , Debbie Herndon, Heather Rose, Tara Bauer, Keith Taylor, Tiffany Yetman, Laura Kain, Michele Becker, Kim Hairfield, Rachel Morey, Kristin Wilcox

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves and told their job in the PTA if they had one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Johnston moved that the minutes be approved from the January 2010 meeting and Rachel Morey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kristin Wilcox

Checking balance \$11,106.90, Savings balance \$18,197.71 with a total of \$29,304.61

COMMUNICATIONS:

We received a thank you note from Mrs. Covino for purchasing a set of Activotes for our school. The students and staff love them!

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

WE NEED SOMEONE TO HEAD THE FUN RUN NEXT YEAR. (or a similar event; i.e. "Dance-A-Thon") This is our biggest fundraiser all year and we depend on this to fund all the things the PTA does for your school.

Flyers were sent home asking for volunteers for the Spelling Bee...please volunteer!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Father/Daughter Dance: Susan Anderson

The Daddy/Daughter dance will take place on Friday February 26 from 7-9pm with a Valentines Day theme.

Cultural Arts/ Residency Programs: Sue Lovelace

Sue shared the schedule for Cultural Arts programs:

- 1/15/10 9am K-1 MAGPIE "Ichthyomusicology"
- TBA Gr 2
- 3/25/10 9:15am Gr 4 New Moon Theater "Leading Ladies: Women of MD"
- 4/13/10 2:15pm Gr 3 MD Science Center "Whats the Matter"
- 5/14/10 9:15am Gr 5 Cosmic Adventures "Stellar Lunar"

More info on across the grades programs at the next meeting.

Spring Fling: Linda Grasley, Melanie Conley, Kelly Granata

This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th 2010 from 10-3pm, with a "Rock On" theme. Flyers were sent home for volunteers. You won't want to miss our popular Silent Auction to support the students of PRE. Bring the whole family to make arts & crafts, play tons of games, shop at the Book Fair, play Bingo, watch the 5th Grade Challenge, join the Dancing Debinski's, and try to win a cake at the Cake Walk. As, always the Bake Sale will provide plenty of delicious treats. For more information contact Melanie at 410-549-5254.

Talent Show: Tiffany Yetman

It's a go! Flyers will go home this week.

This Committee is looking for volunteers. Please contact Tiffany Yetman if you would like to help.

Newspaper Club: Renee Tripp

No report

Parents of Piney Ridge: Brittney King

No report

5th Grade Farewell/Picnic: Stef Tofil and Chris Carr

No report

5th Grade Volleyball Game: Thursday February 25th, 2010 at Century High School

The staff is skipping training to save all their energy for Thursday night. They are looking forward to a great game of Volleyball!

Market Day: Heather Rose

November 11th – 18th are the dates for Market Day fundraiser. Sales will come from brochures that will be sent home when it get closer to the dates.

Family Fitness Night: March 4th, 6:30-8:30pm, in the gym.

Community Advisory Council:

No report

Special Education Citizen's Advisory Council: Rachel Morey

Past SECAC meeting topic was all inclusive week, possibly in November. Still discussing more information will be reported when it is available. Rachel proposed hanging posters of Olympian with Special needs at the Family Fitness Night. Everyone in attendance agreed.

Quarterly meeting for the 2009-2010 school year will be held at the Carroll County agriculture Center, Rm E. Information will be shared on the following topics: Transition, SECAC Awards Night, SE Updates, and a presentation by Dr. Jenefer Tirella.

Spelling Bee:

No report. Still looking for volunteer/s

McDonald Night: Angela Green

Angela is checking with McDonalds to see if we can have it on mid-March.

Mother/Son Event: Laura Kain and Tara Bauer

Tentative date is May 7th-Possibly a Super Hero theme. More information to come.

School Supply Kits: Kim Hairfield

School Supply list will be generic starting in the fall in an effort to lower cost and stream line the list for all schools. Lists will be ready soon.

Yearbook: Lynn Roach

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Teacher Representative: Mr. Taylor

Students can enter the Media Festival until February 26th, 2010 (extended due to snow)

March 19th kicks off the Book Fair with a parent preview from 12pm-4pm. Students will shop on their assigned day the following week during specials. A schedule will come home with your child. Volunteers are needed.

Looking for a 5th grade parent to organize the Slide Show for the 5th grade

Mrs. Herndon: Basket Bingo will be held on April 24th at Century High School.

Principal and Asst. Principal: Mrs. Covino and Mrs. Becker

Thank you for all the help with the Battle of the Books. Lots of students participated. A list of winners can be found on the schools website under Newsletter March 2010. Congratulations to all that participated.

MSA testing will take place on March 9 &10 for reading, March 16 &17 for math. The 5th graders will also be assessed in Science starting in April 21st-30th and May 3rd- 6th (2 days per class)

April 22nd will be the Volunteer Appreciation

24 Club will begin on 2/4 from 7:30-8:30am for those 4th and 5th graders that signed up for this club.

Kindergarten Registration will run March 22nd - 26th, 9am-3pm, also March 23, 6pm-8pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Members discussed revamping the Fun Run in the future. Parent voiced opinions and options.

Some offered to help with researching and organizing what is needed for the school from the PTA. Others will organize a calendar with dates so the School vs. PTA fundraisers will not conflict.

NEW BUSINESS:

World Kids Coloring Day- Thursday, May 6th - A family coloring night, 21 countries participate. Visit www.world-kids-coloring-day.us to find out more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- All PTA (and other) flyers need to be approved by Mrs. Covino or Mrs. Becker before they are copied and distributed at school (please copy Kim Hairfield).
- When making copies to be distributed, please make 10-15 extras for the office and one extra for each classroom.
- Please encourage the use of checks, and not cash, on all appropriate flyers.
- Email Susan Anderson at our website www.PineyRidgePTA.net to put flyers and information on our website. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**
- Next meeting dates: March 9, April 13, May 4 (this is the 1st Tuesday since the 2nd Tuesday is an early dismissal day)

Upcoming Events

- 5th Grade Volleyball Game-Thursday, 2/25/10 at CHS
- Father/Daughter Dance 7-9pm Friday, 2/26/10
- Family Fitness Night 6:30-8:30pm Thursday, 2/11/10
- Spring Fling Saturday, 3/27/10

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.