

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes

June 6, 2008

President Liz Price opened the meeting at 9:25a.m. in the Lyon School Multipurpose Room.

In Attendance: Kevin Dorken, Liz Price, Kristen Borth, Robin Hinrichs, Miriam Biales, Chris Northwick, Laura Olsen, Jen Farber, Ana Cassorla, Jen Roberts, Beth Schmidt, Sabrina Briggs, Karen Friedman, Gloria Pedrelli, Cheryl Kasner, Marcia Bellair, Pam Hartigan, Tammy Burke, Debbie Wells, Mary Hershey, Karen Anderson, Betsy Garvey, Anne Prikos, Lis Williams, Amy Davis, Lindy Hood

I. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting were approved.

II. Officer's Reports

Treasurer—Miriam Biales presented the monthly financial report. May had a lot of activity. She announced that the money for the book fair does not reflect the full expenses incurred. We do not have final expenses for Anderson yet, but we made more revenue than last year. There are also new expenses listed for International Night. Miriam has received a lot of bills from people during the last month. Thank you. There are still grant expenses outstanding. If you have any personal/committee expenses outstanding, please get them to Miriam in the next few weeks. The final totals will be reported June 30th.

President—Liz Price thanked Miriam Biales and Laura Olson for all their work for the financials. She acknowledged that this year the treasurer's job has been especially time-consuming because we have changed our bookkeeping procedures this year. Liz asked everyone to turn in year-end summaries about their committee and/or meet with the person who is taking over your committee for the next year. Liz does not need a binder, but please pass along all the pertinent information.

1st Vice President--Kristen Borth asked committee chairs to check their mailboxes one last time. She also asked everyone to get their expenses turned in, so that PTA can start the year with the books complete.

III. Teachers' Representative Reports

Mrs. Sandra Schmidt and Mrs. Ina Ramras expressed special thanks to the PTA for 24 years of help and support for their classrooms. Both Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Ramras are retiring from teaching at the end of the year. They stated that PTA made their jobs easier and more enjoyable.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

Lyon/PR Spring Book Fair—Liz Price thanked everyone who helped with the Book Fair. We were surprised that our revenue surpassed last year. Our first day event drew in more people from Lyon which seems to have resulted in more book sales. When we get the final numbers, we expect the profit to be better than last year as well. Kristin Borth thanked Liz who not only ran the Book Fair, but served as our resident storyteller as well.

Fifth Grade Picnic—The 5th grade picnic is this Friday. Kristen Borth reported that everything is in place and the committee is ready. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

Global Language—The registration due date was May 30th. There has been a good response so far. You can still sign up, however, over the summer or in the fall

Teacher gifts—Chris Northwick reported that this year room parents are contributing money to give a gift to the staff that are not room teachers; i.e. art, music drama, special education, etc. Some money was set aside by the room parents to contribute to a school wide fund. The head room parents will then purchase and distribute the gifts.

School Supplies—Pam Hartigan reported that online school supply orders are finished. They are a little low this year which was expected with the new system. Unfortunately, this year the number of free/reduced lunch kids has increased and the donations have decreased. Traditionally, PTA has bought school supplies for these students out of donations. This year PTA may need to cover some of the costs. The supplies will be delivered to the school for the first day. If you missed the deadline, you will need to purchase your own supplies. If you have any suggestions for the online ordering for next year, let Pam know. Hopefully, it will be a little more integrated into the District registration next year.

Baby Steps Tammy Burke reported that the District is joining with a number of the North Shore district to negotiate a free contract to recycle paper, plastic and aluminum. Hopefully, this will be finalized and begin October 1. Meanwhile, the

trial program will continue at Lyon, and a parent led program will continue at Pleasant Ridge until then. The District is also looking at placing a Purel dispenser at the entryway to every lunchroom in the District. If you see other environmental things that the District should do, let Tammy know. The District has understood that this is a priority to parents and has been responsive to it. Tammy also announced that the Planet Protectors club is meeting every 2 weeks at Pleasant Ridge. There are 30 kids involved now. Please join if you are interested. Liz thanked Marcia Bellair, Tammy Burke, Jen Roberts, Mary Hershey and others for discussing this with PTA Council and the District to implement this.

V. Principals' Reports

Kevin Dorken reported for both schools because the 2nd graders are visiting Dr. Rich and Pleasant Ridge today to see what 3rd grade will be like. Mr. Dorken said that the kids really like this trip. This year more of the kids have visited Pleasant Ridge before because of the joint Lyon/PR activities. International Night and Book Fair. This should ease the transition somewhat. He also announced that the 2nd graders went on a walking field trip to the Glenview Community Church last week to see a huge pipe organ. Mr. Wendt explained to them how it worked and let them have a hands-on music class. The 1st grade will be going on a walking field trip on maps in Glenview next week. They will find the places that they have recently drawn on their maps. The Kindergarten recently had their big trip to the zoo. The weather was great, and they had fun. This Friday morning is supposed to be Field Day at Lyon. The rain date will be Monday. The Jesse White Tumblers will be at Lyon at 1:30 no matter what. Wednesday is the last day of school. Yesterday and today the teachers are doing Kindergarten assessments, and last Friday was the Ice Cream Social. Mr. Dorken reported that it has been a great year. Thank you for all your support. Have a great summer, and we are looking for a great next year.

VI. Unfinished/New Business

Liz Price thanked everyone for all their help this year. She passed out laminated calendars for everyone. Liz thanked the executive Board for endless meetings, help and service this year. She passed out gifts to the Board.

VII. Adjournment –Liz Price adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Hinrichs, PTA secretary

