

## **Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes**

**February 9, 2010**

President Jennifer Massarelli opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Pleasant Ridge Library.

In Attendance: Kevin Dorken, Matthew Rich, Jennifer Massarelli, Lindy Hood, Anne Carreon, Karen Toomey, Jon Everson, Karen Friedman, Halleh Akbarnia, Dina Silver, Mary Hershey, Meg Costigan, Laura Olson, Greg McWilliams, Laura Smith, Dianna Sirakides, Cheryl Kasner, Peggy Callas, Deb McMahon, Debbie Wells, Eve Southwood, Val Rosenberg, Michelle Langenbach, Ana Cassorla, Kristen Borth, Wendy Ban, Margaret Warner, Kirsten Bergin, Christa Leone, Kristin Miller, Sabrina Briggs, Leslie Howell,

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion—Meg Costigan

Second—Wendy Ban

The minutes of the December 8, 2009 and January 15, 2010 meetings were approved.

### **I. Officer's Reports**

#### ***Treasurer—Karen Toomey***

- Our plan is to review financials quarterly
- Since the benefit is approaching, it would be premature to do review now. We will do a thorough review of the budget at our next meeting
- Fall Book Fair
  - Budget: \$3500
  - Actual profit: \$5789
  - Difference: \$2289
- Pumpkinfest

- Budget: \$3000
  - Actual profit: \$4553
  - Difference: \$1553
- Environmental Income
  - Budget: \$500
  - Actual profit: \$680
  - Difference: \$180
  
- Color Portraits
  - Budget: \$2500
  - Actual profit: \$3345
  - Difference: \$845
  
- We are \$5000 over our projected income. We are optimistic about our financial status

***President—Jennifer Massarelli***

- PTA Council update
  - Kristen Borth and Anne Carreon attended
  - Dr. Hill discussed the letter he sent home regarding the proposed fiscal changes at a state level
    - The state is potentially cutting budget from \$2.8 million to \$1.5 million
    - As a PTA, we can make a difference by voicing our opinions – contact our legislators
  - Communication tools being discussed – what is the best way to get the word out when various issues arise

- This will be discussed in further detail at the next PTA Council meeting
- Passing around a thank you for the Jim Aylesworth author visit
- Global language
  - Surveys going out at a later date
  - Feel free to contact Laura Olson if you have any feedback
- Online PTA registration and volunteer sign-up
  - When you register for school, you will be guided to a link asking if you also want to register for PTA. You will be walked through the process and can pay online
  - Constant Contact will be used to fill out the volunteer form
  - Can still pay by cash or check
  - As a side note, if you know anyone with incoming kindergarteners, a link is on the website to gather mailing information so registration materials can be sent
- Parents have asked how our PTA funds are used
  - Melissa Brady created a video to address these questions
  - We want people to see this video prior to the benefit so they understand how important our funding is and how much it enhances their child's educational experience
  - Plan to post this on our website and possibly send out in an e-blast prior to the benefit
- Proposed changes to Lyon Life/PR Review
  - Received feedback that people sometimes feel that the amount of information coming home (e-blasts, newsletters, etc) can be overwhelming
  - Starting in March, the lengthier newsletter will be at the top of the month and then an abbreviated version (one sheet) will go out mid-month
  - Chair people need to be sure they get Jenn their detailed submissions in time for the top of the month newsletter

- If you opted not to receive a paper copy of the newsletter but you're still receiving it, please send an e-mail to Dr. Rich. We will send this out as a reminder to everyone
- Can we include links in the online newsletter? That way you can learn more about the topics that interest you without the clutter of all the other material
- Haiti support
  - 3 PTA parents were there at the time of the earthquake
  - Many parents reached out to find out what they could do to help
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have raised approx. \$1200-\$1500
  - Some parents are talking with the PR Student Council to see how the kids can get involved
    - Hats for Haiti? Contribute a dollar and you can wear a hat to school, and possibly even donate the hat
    - At PR, the adults try not to tell the kids what they should do – prefer that the kids and Student Council try to generate these ideas on their own. Want it to be self-guided
- Hearts of Glenview – Lyon/PR hearts are still available
  - Starting price was \$200. Right now they are happy to sell them for \$100
  - Can't sell them at our benefit because we can't funnel money to another charity
  - Waiting to get more info about size to see if there is room for them at either school
  - Considering sending an e-blast to notify parents that these are available for purchase
- If you plan on returning in your current role for next year, please notify Jenn

## **II. Committee Chair Reports**

***Benefit—Dina Silver***

- Sold out!
- So many people have helped to plan this event – thanks to everyone!
- Over \$11,000 in raffle ticket sales
  - Giving away \$6000, so we are already clearing a profit
- Making a profit on the event itself (cost of tickets vs. venue, band, food, etc.)
- Class gifts are fabulous! These will appeal to everyone, not just families from the specific class
- Premium auction items:
  - Sign up parties
  - Teacher gifts
  - Bulls ball boy or girl for a game
  - Golf packages
  - Jump Zone parties
  - Boat cruises
  - Triathlon training
- Can still buy raffle tickets online and at the event
- Volunteers still needed
  - One more person needed for check-out
  - Auction security at 3:30-4:30 and 4:30-5:30
- Dress code
  - No jeans allowed at Sunset Ridge
  - Benefit team is dressing the part – fun “country club”
  - Golf, tennis, or preppy attire

### ***Jump Rope for Heart—Kristin Miller***

- Event is on Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>
- Being done class by class during the school day
- Kids need shorts on that day
- Send your child with a reusable water bottle, labeled with the child's name
- Money is usually collected during the day. However, since the event is being run during the day, we are asking that money be turned in a day or two before the event
- Volunteer sheet being circulated
- You can come when your child jumps
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 8-9am
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 11-12pm
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade 9-10am...very few 5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers. Please let Kristin know if you are interested in helping
- Money being counted on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to help out

### ***School Supplies—Kristen Borth***

- Using same online supplier
- List has gone out to teachers to see if there are any changes. This needs to be returned by Feb. 19
- Probably will do this online from April through end of May
- Exploring eco-friendly supplies – pens, pencils, paper, tissues
  - Supplies will come to the school for teachers to test

### ***Environmental—Mary Hershey***

- Kids making dog toys for animal shelters
- If you have any ideas for projects, please send them to Mary

- Looking for volunteers for Earth Week

### **III. Teachers' Representative Reports**

- No report

### **IV. Principals' Report—**

- Kevin Dorken and Matt Rich: PLC's—Formative Assessment vs. Summative Assessment
  - *If you would like information on this presentation, please contact Anne Carreon*

### **V. Unfinished Business/New Business**

- None to report

### **VI. Announcements**

February 18—Principal's Coffee, PR, 9:15am

February 19—4<sup>th</sup> Grade musical, PR, 9:00am and 12:30pm

February 20—PTA BENEFIT, Sunset Ridge Country Club

February 26—Jump Rope for Heart, PR, time varies by grade level

February 27—PR Science Fair, 9:00-12:00pm

March 8-12—ISAT testing, PR

March 9—Next PTA Meeting, Lyon, 9:15am

### **VII. Adjournment** –Jennifer Massarelli adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Carreon, PTA secretary