

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes

June 8, 2010

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

In Attendance: Jennifer Massarelli, Lindy Hood, Anne Carreon, Karen Toomey, Jon Eversor
Matt Rich, Kevin Dorken, Halleh Akbarnia, Cathy O'Shaughnessy, Betsy Garvey, Mand
Chiarieri, Jen Roberts, Heather McEllistrem, Mary Hershey, Cheryl Kasner, Debbie Wel
Wendy Ban, Susan Ohlandt, Laura Olson, Colleen MacKimm, Susan Desmond, Kathy
McCarthy, Dianna Sirrakides, Ana Cassorla, Karen Friedman, Doug Morgan, Kim
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Approval of the Minutes

Motion—Karen Friedman

Second—Wendy Ban

The minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting were approved.

I. Officer's Reports

Treasurer—Karen Toomey

- Profit and Loss vs. Actual
 - o Fiscal year end is June 30th
 - o Please submit any outstanding expenses. Drop them off at either scho
at Karen's house
 - o Spring Book Fair results comparable to last year
 - o International Night: we brought in slightly more than anticipated
 - o Paid out \$8500 in spring grants
 - o We will be carrying over some income to next year, which may allow us
to distribute some fall grants
 - o Spiritwear money listed on this report is from sales that trickled in afte
the end of the last fiscal year. We did not do sales this year
 - o Membership numbers appear to be down. For the coming year, you we
able to pay via the district website. So, they will be paying us that mon

prior to the end of the fiscal year. This has not been reflected in the numbers yet

- o Printing costs have increased. We used to have an excellent rate at Kinko's, but that has been increased. We will be renegotiating that contract or looking at other vendors

President—Jennifer Massarelli

- Colleen MacKimm and Susie Feldstein did an amazing job on the Spring Book Fair
- Many thank you's to all who have done so much this year
- Tiffany Sapienza and Debbie Wells do so much behind the scenes to be sure that all is going well with the room parents
- Mary Hershey has worked so tirelessly to do so much and it is very appreciated
- Dina Silver so graciously and bravely stepped up to run our benefit and did such a wonderful job
- Lindy Hood will be a creative, smart, and fabulous President next year. We are lucky to have her in our cluster!

Vice-President—Lindy Hood

- Jenn has given so much to us and we are not fully able to completely express how much she has done and how much she is appreciated!
- Handing out proposed calendar for next year
- One change in particular is proposed:
 - o No 4 day weekend in October, which places challenges on Pumpkinfest from a set-up perspective
 - o Survey has suggested that there might be “too much” going on. Could we have fewer events while still creating an environment of inclusion and community?
 - o More technology in the classrooms which needs to be protected during event
 - o Pumpkinfest came up as “least essential” on the survey

- o Proposing to move International Night to the fall. It would be very difficult to move this to the fall this coming year given that we just had it in May. The plan is to forgo it this year and move it to Fall, 2011, in place of Pumpkinfest
- o We would have a scaled down version of Pumpkinfest this fall that would be chaired by Dina Silver and Tammy Lundal so that we do not have a void in our fall schedule while we make this change
- o Communication of this change will take place in the fall
- PTA Council meetings are listed on the calendar
 - o These are open to everyone
 - o Dr. Hill, our superintendent, attends all of these meetings

Review Proposed Budget—Karen Toomey and Jon Everson

Highlights of the 2010–11 budget:

- Instructional aid (Learning Post gift cards to all teachers): \$25 gift cards
- Staff appreciation will be unchanged
- Cultural enrichment had been reduced this year to \$9000 when we were cutting expenses and this worked well
- Grants are proposed at \$10,000 due to success of benefit, which allows us to have money over for fall grants
- \$1500 for school supplies for scholarship families. This is not new, but we will add a line item to acknowledge this
- Reduced budget for newsletter due to change in format (shorter newsletter monthly)
- PTA publicity/welcome was for coffee, bagels, etc. on the first day of school. This will not be done next year
- Flow-through expenses are items that are self-funded, such as the benefit and directory
- Pumpkinfest budget has been reduced to \$3500 to reflect the change in format
- The budget will continue to be refined over the summer

II. Committee Chair Reports

5th Grade Picnic—Edwina Cowell and Sue Swaringen

- Next year's organizers are Kellie Kopach and Liz Williams

Literature Alive

- We have gotten very good at getting big names to come visit our schools
- Looking to expand this in future years where we would have a writer or poet in residence so each student gets touched by the experience once during their 3rd at PR
- Looking to move some of our cultural enrichment money to help fund this endeavor over time

III. Guest Speaker—Debbie Hillman and Roxanne Junge

- “Preparing to Eat Local”

IV. Unfinished Business/New Business

- None to report

V. Principal's Report—Kevin Dorken and Matt Rich

- Kelly Abood is going on leave next year
- Kristin Juozaitis moving back down to 3rd grade. Rest of 3rd grade teachers are staying
- One opening in 4th grade
- Still making some adjustments at 5th grade. Katie Beck will be back full-time next year

- Support team staying the same
- New speech language pathologist being added and will be shared between Ly and PR
- Very little changes at Lyon
- Dorie Lattanzio applied for a district timeshare. She will be teaching 50% at Henking. A new male teacher has been hired to join the PE team
- A few maternity leaves will be occurring as well

VI. Announcements

June 10—Last day of school!

August 12—Class list posting, Lyon, time TBD (watch for details in the summer newsletter)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Carreon, PTA secretary