

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda**  
**October 22, 2013**  
**General PTA Business Meeting**  
**9:15am - 11:00am Pleasant Ridge**

**In Attendance:** Mandy Chiarieri, Alison Sipe, Anne Carreon, Halleh Akbarnia, Gail Weiss, Jen Chastain, Lisa Doyle, Dina Agarwal, Dana Palmer, Rebecca Richards, Laura Olson, Lisa Anderson, Jennifer Hastings, Sue Patton, Alec Knight, Jenn Reis, Marg Plante, Meg Costigan, Kristin Pilant, Amy Eccelston, Sally Claffey, Kim Yagelski, Anne Burke, Cindy Hackl

Mandy Chiarieri called the meeting to order.

**Minutes Approval**

Motion – Meg Costigan  
Second – Marg Plante

**Thank You's**

- Thank you to Catherine Gray and Lauren Bauerschmidt for a successful International Night

**PTA Council**

- Character counts food drive – largest collection for the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Taking place this week.
- Parents in Partnership – Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at Attea
  - Childcare available
- Spring grant cycle – Mark Walther received one from GEF to pilot different speakers
  - Prof from Harvard – Takiff Center – Raising Happy, High-Achieving, Moral Kids. Thursday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>
- GEF Fund Drive taking place now through week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Phone-a-thon is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Goal is \$150,000 – just shy of this last year
  - Approved grants at \$155,000 last year and \$161,000 year prior
  - New GEF website – check it out!
- Nov. meeting – Beth Tsoumas will be speaking about Common Core Standards

- She would like to tailor her talk around our specific questions
- Please send any questions to Alison Sipe prior to Nov. meeting

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Please submit any outstanding receipts from International Night
- Paid \$5000 to Glen View Club for Benefit
- Global Language – have deposited checks but haven't paid out yet
- Sold ads for directory to raise some money
- Student programming expenses mostly will be paid out later in the school year
- Staples gift cards given to teachers (instructional aid)
- Made our cluster donation to PIP
- Paid dues for PTA Council and IL PTA

### **International Night**

- 8 performances and 13 cultural rooms
- At PR, morning announcements were done in different languages during week of IN

### **Environmental**

- Bike to School day went well – beautiful day
- Recycling efforts continuing at Book Fair
  - Recycling after Pizza Night
  - Collecting gently used books
- Participating again in Trex challenge – Nov. 15-April 20
  - Will need volunteers to help – weigh bags at each school and then deliver them to either Jewel
  - Competition to win a bench – PR won last year

### **Directory**

- Selling advertising to offset cost of directory
- Made \$1500, which covers cost of printing
- Received proof, which now needs Brett Clark's approval
- Hope to get these out within next 2 weeks

## **Book Fair**

- Sign up Genius going out shortly to seek volunteers
- Decorations starting Monday
- Colleen MacKimm doing Pizza Night
- Wimpy Kid presale going very well – can also buy book at the Book Fair
- Gift certificates typically given to Lyon and PR Staff and F&RL kids
  - o Need approval to do this
  - o 242 \$10 gift certificates
  - o 12 \$5 gift certificates for contest winners
  - o Approved

## **Holiday Helper**

- Helped 55 families last year
- Invites sent to families at beginning of Oct. Received 17 responses as of last week. Often trickle in at last minute.
- Looking for sponsors. Let Amy Eccelston or Liz DeMattia know if you are interested in sponsoring a family.
- There are other ways to help.
  - o Grocery gift cards in any amount
  - o Any donation is welcome. Used to fill needs for those who haven't been sponsored.
- Many wonderful sponsors last year
  - o Red Rooster sponsored Pack Up party by donating food
  - o Gloria Pedrelli donated toothbrushes
  - o Someone underwrote purchase of 30 turkeys
  - o Please let Amy know if you know of any local businesses who might want to make donations
  - o Important dates – on agenda
  - o Outerwear
  - o Food drive
  - o Gifts
  - o Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – pack up party

## **Parent Support Group**

- next meeting Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

## **Benefit**

- Secured venue – Glen View Club, Sat. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Theme: Jukebox Hero – A Celebration of Music
  - Meg helped design logo etc.
- Working on securing musical talent
  - Going with DJ this year – someone who will be lively and interact with crowd
- Working on classroom gifts, premium auction items, BidPal, raffle tickets, etc.
  - Committee members hard at work
- All committee chairs have been filled, but still in need of volunteers. Contact Lisa or Dina
- Some classrooms still need gift coordinators for the following classes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Ferdinand
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gabriel, Trowbridge, Hoyland/Wetterman
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lund
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: Beyer, Heilwagen, Howard, Kirsch
  - 5<sup>th</sup>: Daudelin, Schneider, Weale
- Benefit meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at Lisa Doyle’s house, 9:30am

## **Ways & Means**

- eScrip – register Dominick’s card to earn money for PTA
  - need to renew every year. Ends Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Change as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
    - PTA will no longer receive money if you pay with a credit card – only if use cash, check or debit card
- Box tops – no longer collecting at Lyon School
  - PR does their own competition in the spring through Student Council

## **Principals’ Reports**

Principals reports can be seen online on the home page of the PR website

## **School Board – Laura Olson is the liaison for SP/AT**

- Springman recognized as a School to Watch –
- Allyson Thorne won Those Who Excel award
- Administrators contract approved
  - Increase in salary

- Took away allowances (vehicle, technology, etc) and replaced with money into salary
- Looking for approval for a bond issue needed for capital improvements
  - First is for \$5M for building updates needed
- Approved a tax levy
  - Can increase every year based on CPI, which is currently 1.7
  - Approximate increase of 3.6% - believe it will be closer to 2.2%
- Looking at a new social/emotional curriculum for next year
- Community survey – please complete if you have not done so already

Meeting adjourned 10:46 a.m. by Mandy Chiarieri.