

Colfax PTO Meeting
3:45pm, Music Room

20 October 2009

Attendance:

Lisa Chatiner, Heather Uebele, Randi Sarkin, Diane Condi, Tom Juring, Donna McCartney, Jackie Underwood, WTC Harris, Kaela Filipek, Tracy Tuchin, Crissy Hills, Bethany Griffith, Francine Smith, Sharon King, Marcie Ritter, Marilee Glick, Ellen Rubin, Maren Cooke, Sherri Mayer, Margaret Fischer, Leigh Winston, Katherine Cosentino, Joanne Lipinsky, Kim Massey.

Meeting opened at 3:45pm

1. Welcome by Tom Juring, with special thanks to the teachers and staff.
2. Introductions
3. Treasurer's report (see attached Budget) Katherine Cosentino
 - o Budget line item review.
 - o Fundraisers: School vs. PTO fundraisers
 - School is doing the Market Day fundraisers, as well as benefitting from numerous commercial fundraisers. PTO members help organize some of these benefits, but the \$ goes directly to the school.
 - PTO gets revenue from the annual auction ("Party for Play"), bake sales, and a few other fundraisers (see below).
4. School Fundraisers –
 - o **Market Day/Lifestyles catalogs**
 - o **Cash-to-schools programs:**
 - **Office Depot # 70088311**
 - **Subway** – cards will be available – like cash cards, but you load them yourself. Each time they are used, 2% of purchase goes to the school
 - **Giant Eagle** – computers for education program (needs to be renewed)
 - **Etc.**
5. Upcoming PTO Fundraisers -
 - Party for Play (Auction)
 - **ENJOY! Coupon books** are still available for \$27. Coupons good thru Nov 2010.
 - **Boxtops for Education** – ongoing.
 - **Read-a-thon**– kids get pledges for each book read in a defined time period. Encourages reading and gains funds for the PTO
 - **Bookmarks** – (new) magnetic book marks will be sold for \$1 each, as part of the Read-a-thon
6. PTO funds distribution
 - o Most of the budget is determined at the end of the previous year; however, the PTO has some discretionary funding for projects that come up during the year. For example, last

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year the Think-a-thon team received funding for tee-shirts to wear to their competition, and the Edible Schoolyard received some startup funding.

- o This year, the Chess Club formally requested funding this month to pay for instruction and fees for their competitions, and was granted \$625.
 - o Other groups are encouraged to apply in writing for small grants such as these.
 - o Discussion: Chess Club enrollment was limited to 3 students per class in some grades; several teachers said they had more interest than there was room in the class, and they requested re-opening enrollment for this program. Mr. May-Stein agreed.
 - o Bike Rack project: Last year a request was made to fund the purchase and installation of a bicycle rack to be placed under the bridge between the old and new buildings. The request was tentatively approved, pending identification of an appropriate rack and a formal, written request for funds. Maren Cooke is heading this project, and would appreciate more parental involvement to move the project forward.
7. Announcements
 - o Family Fun Night next Wednesday, 10/28, 6:00-7:30pm: Extravaganza Uno!
 - o Middle School dance this Friday, 10/23, 7:30pm.
 - o PTO bake sale will be held on ELECTION DAY, 11/3, from 8am to 4pm. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm with brownies and apple juice refreshments.

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