

Attendance: Diane Condie, Randi Sarkin, Shannon Ewing, Lisa Chotiner, Leigh Winston, Nora Simpson, Camille Harris, Jenny Ganger, Dale Templin, Mark Beck, Cate Axtman, Margie Minkler, Sharon Manley, Adam Walters, _____ (I am missing some)

1. Opening of meeting 7:10pm (Leigh Winston)
2. Election of slate of new officers
 - Slate introduced by Jenny Ganger, incoming co-president:
 - VP Communications: Camille Harris
 - VP Fundraising: Dale Templin
 - VP Special Events: Nora Simpson and Sukanya Srinivasan
 - VP Volunteer Coordinators: Mark Beck and Cate Axtman
 - Treasurer: Shannon Ewing
 - Secretaries: Margie Minkler and Sharon Manley
 - DECISION: Next year's Executive Board was approved.
3. Introductions
4. Guest Speaker: Adam Walters from Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
 - The Conservancy was responsible for planting shrubs in front of the school and for creating the "outdoor classroom" space in the Garden area. This is part of a program in all the public schools to green the school grounds. The plantings are meant to be low maintenance, requiring no watering after the first 3 years.
 - Currently, the Conservancy is hoping to find parents/families are willing to care for these new plantings, particularly watering and weeding, to help them get established in the critical early years.
 - After discussion, it was felt that the best tactic would be to discuss this need with the Garden caretakers, specifically Farmer Emily (emily.caffee@gmail.com), who will be holding an orientation on Monday evening at 6pm at the garden.
5. Fundraising report – Lisa Chotiner
 - The final fundraiser of the year will be Chico Bags, a line of eco-friendly polyester collapsible bags for groceries and multiple other uses. Bags start at \$5, and there is no minimum order. Order forms will go home this week.
6. Treasurer's Report – Shannon Ewing
 - Ice cream sales have netted over \$3600 this year. Last sale will be 6/4, though there will also be sales at Carnival; if there are leftovers after Carnival, there will be a final closeout on 6/11.
 - Cartridge recycling is very profitable for the school; if you have a source such as a business with lots of cartridge turnover, please donate to this program
 - Plant sale netted nearly \$1700.
 - Boxtops are ongoing; the final day is June 4. Please find all stray tops and send them in. Prizes for class in each grade level with the most tops.
7. Middle level fundraiser – Diane Condie
 - Mid-level Battle of the Bands Saturday, 5/22, 5:30-8:30pm in the gym. \$5 per ticket. Proceeds go to 7th and 8th graders end of year trip.

- Colfax gear is still available – t-shirts, water bottles, backpacks. Laurie Marcus and Lisa Stupar are organizing and running this program; talk to Ms. Condie if you would like to make a purchase.

8. Announcements:

- Take a Special Person to School Day: this Friday, 5/20.
- Book Fair will be open through Friday. Excellent deals available – 2 for 1!
- Technology committee voted to spend the \$5753 from the Winter fundraiser on three additional computers for the cart. Leftover funds will go to digital cameras for use by teaching staff.
- Carnaval – June 10, 5:30-8:30.
 - More volunteers are needed. An announcement will be going home soon with a volunteer signup on the back. Please return with your available times.
 - It was suggested that Isidore Foods and GASP and Western PA Conservancy be asked to be community partners.
 - A few more volunteers are needed for the Cultural tents.

9. Meeting ended at 7:45 pm

Next PTO General Meeting 6/18/10, 7:00pm, Colfax Cafeteria