



PTO Meeting – Minutes February 11, 2009

Board Member Attendance – Sara Frisk, Kathy Bonitz, and Tara Ford. Lynn Roscoe absent.

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

1. Motion to approve January minutes by Sara Farina and Dennis Westphal.
2. Snowflake Ball – Huge thanks to Petals & Pearls, All The Above Photography, All About Parties and Kids Parties with Pizzazz for volunteer services. At least 500 attended the dance and had a great time. A few lessons learned were noted for next year:
 - a. Open the music room as a sitting area and coat room
 - b. Sell glow items elsewhere, not with the snacks
3. St. Baldrick's – The St. Baldrick's event is not just a Pennock event but a whole community event. We are looking for shaves, barbers, volunteers etc. Check out the shavee poster in the front hall to see who is involved. Let's make our goal for our first event.
4. Committees- Sara will be having a Teacher Appreciation Meeting Tuesday, February 17th at 6PM at school and a Spring Fling meeting Thursday, February 19th at 6PM at school. Sign up sheets are going around as we are looking for several good volunteers for these committees.
5. 2009-2010 Fundraiser – Sara met with several fundraising companies.
 - a. Varsity Gold – they have done the fundraising for the past 2 years and have been excellent to work with. However, they recently filed Chapter 11 reorganization. Darla (our rep) said that it should be invisible to us. Also, the delivery of the cookie dough last year was not a very good experience. There were not enough volunteers to sort through all the cookie dough before parents came to pick up.
 - b. ABC Fundraising – a CO based company. They have both “sweet treats” and catalogue items. Profit is 40% and 50% respectively. Catalogue items can be purchased online so that out-of-state friends and relative can participate. ABC ships those items directly. ABC tallies and sorts all orders by student and delivers them directly to the classroom. Prize levels are based on items sold, not \$ amount. They do have a limo lunches and pig races.
 - c. Red Wheel Fundraising – husband/wife team but are a small company offering only food items. We would need volunteers to help sort and delivery. Prizes are on the higher end with the tops students be able to attend a “Mad Science” assembly or something similar.

The Board recommends going with ABC Fundraising. Mrs. McLean motioned to approve ABC Fundraising and the general members approved.

6. 3 board member positions are expiring at the end of the school year – president, vice president and secretary. Nominations will be accepted through April. The PTO board is an all volunteer board.
7. Treasurer Report – current balance is \$20,756.40. Upcoming expenses are St. Baldrick's, Teacher Appreciation and Spring Fling. The PTO likes to carry over a balance of at least \$5000 for the next school year. The remaining money is given to the school/teachers. It is with the support of the Pennock families that the PTO is as successful as they are.
8. Val Ortega and Kris Bennett presented the February writing awards to the following students.
 - a. Frannki Ramirez – Ms. McLean
 - b. Jose Jimenez – Ms. Gardner
 - c. Marcus Hernandez – Ms. Graham
 - d. Maddie Benton – Ms. Gardner
 - e. Madeline Almskog – Ms. Garnder
 - f. Dean Phillips – Ms. Grunewald

- g. Amanda Ruybal - Ms. Grunewald.
9. Kiddie Academy - day care/preschool opened January 5th. They will be having a Grand Opening on Saturday, February 14th from 10AM-2PM. Stop by to check out the facility, enter for a raffle drawing. They will also be offering a Spring Break and Summer Camp.
 10. First Grade presents - the first grade team had their students do a variety plays. Very well done and entertaining.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

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