

STARKE PTA Meeting Minutes from 1-15-08

Attendees:

Denise Rendon, Lyn Lewis, Greg Bieller, Heather Knight, Stephenie Kursock, Megan Lystila, Jenny Dirst, Angela Sales, Alicia Marsden, Shanna O'Shaughnessy, Jean Harlow, Tami Hyatt, Marj Oesch

Meeting began at 5:37pm with introductions

Greg Bieller gave the treasure's report and passed out a handout to all attendees.

Current Balance in Checking: \$2792.27 Current Balance in Savings: \$1196.64

Greg Bieller also gave a detailed report of Helping Hands. He advised this was a great success and an improvement over last year. They were able to give more and help more families. Greg & Laura would like to thank everyone who had a hand in helping with their time and/or donations. Thank you for making this such a huge success. A big thank you to Greg & Laura for chairing this committee for the second year in a row and all the work you put into it.

Shanna O' Shaughnessy reported that Power Lunches are going well but they can use more volunteers to bring food. The theme for Feb. 13 is Chocolate, March 12 is Irish, April 16 is Mexican and May 7 is to be decided due to Teacher Appreciation week planning.

Alicia Marsden reported on Supply Cart and advised that is going well. Highlighters are the main seller and she could use more if anyone wants to donate them. Supply cart has been moved to the first Friday of each month instead of the first Thursday.

Tami Hyatt reported Popcorn/Pencil day is going well. She needs to purchase more pencils which was approved by the committee. Popcorn & Pencil days will be Jan. 18, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, Apr. 18 & May 9 (note change).

Denise questioned whether or not we wanted to do candy grams for Saint Patrick's Day & the committee voted against doing them.

Valentines parties will be held on Feb. 14 from 2-3pm .

There was a request to do another apparel sale this year and the committee decided against it. There must be a 12 item minimum purchase & we do not think we can get that many orders at this time.

The fundraiser did not go well this year. We made \$1000 less than our projected estimate. We need ideas for fundraisers in the future. If anyone has any ideas, preferably something that is unique to Pekin area, easy for K-3 grades and grand enough for less than 250 students. Some ideas mentioned were: soy candles and homemade pies delivered near the holidays. Culvers night was mentioned as a big hit from last year and recommended to do again as well as checking into McDonalds and Monical's Pizza .

Mrs. Cavallini has requested the PTA purchase or help purchase a Sonor Short Bass for the school. The committee decided that would have to be tabled until later this year due to the funds being short of our projected goal due to the fundraiser not being very successful.

All students in 1 st -3 rd grades will be going on a field trip to see Junie B on Jan. 30. Thank you PTA for making this possible. A question was raised by a teacher about getting more tickets for parents that would like to help chaperone but we were told the show is sold out so no more tickets can be purchased. The teachers wanted it known they hate to have to turn down volunteers.

The Christmas Open House went very well. There were 67 families that were photographed. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this a successful night. A special thank you goes to Kelly Simonsen for donating her time, skills & equipment to volunteer to be our photographer.

Denise recommended getting a formal nominating committee together for 2008-2009 officer selection. She suggested at least one teacher and one parent. Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Oesch volunteered to be the teachers/parents on the committee. All 2007-2008 officers would like to be replaced . Concerns were raised with a completely new board and suggestions were made to keep at least one current officer.

Teacher's Appreciation Week is coming up and the committee is looking for suggestions and ideas to show our appreciation. If you have suggestions, please contact Denise Rendon, Mrs. Galvin or any PTA member.

Family Fitness night is Feb. 21 from 6-7:30pm . A volunteer sheet was passed around. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. We could use donated items for prizes. Thank you Angela Sales, Jean Harlow, Greg Bieller , Alicia Marsden and Marj Oesch for volunteering. Any parent or teacher wishing to assist Mr. Onken with this NCLB requirement, please contact Mr. Onken , Starke PE teacher at Chris.Onken@pekin.net .

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for March 11. It was scheduled for 4pm but due to the request of several people at last nights meeting it was decided to change the time to 5pm . Mr. Fitzanko was contacted and advised he was okay with the change .

Upcoming:

Jan. 18~ Popcorn/Pencil Day
Feb. 1~ Supply Cart
Feb. 21~ Family Fitness Night 6-7:30pm
Feb. 22~ Popcorn/Pencil Day
Feb. 27-29~ Parent/Teacher Conf.
Mar. 2-15~ ISAT
Mar. 7~ Supply Cart
Mar. 11~ PTA Meeting (Note time change 5pm)
Mar. 12~ Teachers Lunch (Irish)
Mar. 14~ Popcorn/Pencil Day
Apr. 4~ Supply Cart
Apr. 16~ Teachers Lunch (Mexican)
Apr. 17~ Family Reading Night 6-7:30pm
Apr. 18~ Popcorn/Pencil Day
May 6~ PTA Meeting (Officer Elections at this time)
May 7~ Teachers Lunch (TBA)
May 9~ Popcorn/Pencil Day (note change)
May 27~ Fun Day (If no snow days used)