

Sunset Valley Elementary

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General Meeting Agenda **August 31, 2010**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm.

Introduction of Officers – Sue Knopp - President introduced the officers for the 2010-2011 school year. Kim Weber – Vice President, Cynthia Litsko – Secretary, Becky Ewing – Treasurer.

Principal's Report – Mrs. McCracken briefly talked about the new food regulations. Can no longer bring in home made baked goods to school. Everything must be pre-packaged/store bought. Items do not have to be individually wrapped. They can be put on trays to bring in. They have to be served by a certified food person. This applies to any organization that serves food in school. It was questioned whether others can be trained to be a certified food person. They will check to see if the Director of Food Services for Norwin can come in to train other parents. These are the same regulations that are followed by the cafeteria every day. You can ask Mrs. Beuton to bake cookies for an activity. She has to charge \$20/hour to do so. These above rules do not apply to the teacher appreciation week.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Christy Donofrio and seconded by Kim Muoio to approve the minutes. A vote was taken and all were in favor of the approval.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy Noe asked if the budget could be adjusted. She asked that Math Matters committee's budget be increased to \$250, and that Environmental committee's budget be decreased to \$100.

It was asked if we can ask for donations for prizes, etc. for the committees to use. Mrs. McCracken explained that if you get letterhead from Sue, then they will determine who you can get donations from in the community. This is because we don't want to keep asking the same places for donations every time.

Becky explained that the state membership dues were increased by \$1 this year. We did not receive this info prior to sending out membership forms. We were making \$1.50 per membership. This year PTA will only be making \$0.50 per membership.

Approve budget. This was approved by Kim Muoio and Deb Rosko gave the 2nd approval. See attached for the budget.

Letters/Communications - There were many thank-you notes from the teachers for last year's teacher appreciation week. There was a thank you from the 1st graders for the great field trip they had. All the first graders signed the card. Also, there was a thank you from the first grade teachers thanking the PTA for the chair backpacks.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - Fundraising: The committee chair has stepped down. The officers will be handling the fundraiser. Kidstuff books will be sent home along with Oakbrook fundraising information. It was asked if we could have a buy-out for fundraising. No. But there will be a form being sent home saying that in lieu of fundraising, you can make a monetary donation to the PTA. All funds will go toward PTA activities. Deb Rosko mentioned if you can send back the Kidstuff books back in their original bag that would be great.

Open House: PTA will be selling Snifty pencils. Kids can also order pencils and they will be delivered the following week. There will also be School Spirit items. Also, the Teachers Credit Union will be there to explain how you can join the credit union.

Reports from Committee Chairs – Website: Bill and Charlene Ballas are working on developing the new website for Sunset Valley. It will have various links to PTA info. Can put info regarding various committees. Can attach forms. They will decide whether to include email addresses. It was asked whether the Norwin School District can put a link on their website. Will have to check with School District.

Math Matters: Wendy Noe stated that Math Matters is totally changing. They are doing an in-school competition. They need volunteers for this. The winning class in each grade will get a trophy. Trophies will be displayed in showcase. It was suggested to have it without it being a competition. Decided a contest is fine. Promotes cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship. May have a meeting next week to discuss everything.

Environmental – Wendy Noe said that kids had a great time planting Zineas in front of the school sign last year. They will try to do this 2 times a year. Kids who volunteer for green team participated. 3 kids per room.

Year Book – Take pictures. Will be able to upload pictures. Info will be in next newsletter.

Homeroom Coordinator – Please send in forms by Friday. Teachers select Homeroom mom.

In school programs – Heather Horton is asking for any suggestions for any free program ideas. Can not due Skydome at this time due to budget.

Announcements

September 3, 2010 - Sunset Valley Shirt Day
September 6, 2010 - No School/Labor Day
September 8, 2010 - Open House
September 21, 2010 - School Pictures
September 27, 2010 - Team Sports Shirt Day
September 29, 2010 - Hat Day
October 1, 2010 - Blue/Gold Day
October 8, 2010 - Parent Teacher Conference
October 14, 2010 - School Pictures – Make up day
October 22, 2010 - Blue/Gold Day
October 27, 2010 - Volunteer Training 9:15 am
November 1-12, 2010 - Feather the Turkey
November 8, 2010 - Black/Gold Day
November 16-18, 2010 - Book Fair
November 17, 2010 - Gallery Walk

September 3, 2010 - Back to School Picnic
September 8, 2010 - Fundraiser Kickoff
September 10, 2010 - Black/Gold Day
September 22, 2010 - Fundraiser Wrap Up
September 28, 2010 - Mismatch Day
September 30, 2010 - Crazy Hair Day
October 7, 2010 - Fire Safety Day/Wear Red
October 13, 2010 - Kerber's Hayride
October 18-20, 2010 - Round Table Reader
October 25-29, 2010 - Red Ribbon Week
October 29, 2010 - Halloween Parade/Party
November 3, 2010 - Fundraiser Pick Up
November 11, 2010 - Veteran's Day
Program/Wear Red/White/Blue
November 17, 2010 - PTA Meeting

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.
Approved _____ Recorded by PTA Secretary