

Meeting Minutes
Crossgates Parents Club
September 1, 2005

Bonnie Herrmann called the Meeting to order at 7:00.

A. Introduction of Executive Committee Members

Bonnie Herrmann - President
Jeff Johnston - Vice President
Cindy Markovich - Treasurer
Jill Bratton - Secretary

There will be short executive meetings prior to the monthly Parents Club Meetings and all are welcome to attend if desired.

B. Pint Sized Heroes Program

Terri Shinn of the Red Cross made her Pint Sized Heroes Presentation. She stated that she will need parent volunteers to collect cards and call donors to arrange date and time of donations. Mr. DeLucia inquired if they have some sort of recognition for students/donors who do not give blood because of religious beliefs that will allow those students to be excused from the assemblies. Terri said that she would take care of typing something up.

There was discussion of the possibility of Boy Scouts not existing at Crossgates this year because Doug Bettinger no longer has children at Crossgates who are interested in it. Inquiries will be made to find out about the situation. There is also the possibility of joining Boy Scouts through other schools. Bonnie's brother-in-law is in charge of it at Arlington.

C. Review of the Current Budget

D. Discussion of Fundraiser Information

Kickoff will be September 12, 2005 at 2:30 pm
Orders will be due September 27, 2005
Product Delivery will be November 3, 2005, 1:00 pm. Parent volunteers will

be needed to distribute products in the evening.
Money will be due November 10, 2005

There are still a few students who have outstanding fees from last year that need to be collected. Those students will have to participate on a prepay basis if at all.

Other schools in the area who are selling SchoolHouse Funds will not have the same products as Crossgates.

E. Committee Leader/Member Selection

A sign up sheet was passed around

F. Library Status

Amy Donahue will be in charge of the library again this year.

G. Pop Status

Two shelves in the supply closet will be dedicated to storage of pop. Jeff Johnston will be in charge of pop this year. Anyone who sees a good deal on pop can purchase it and be reimbursed.

H. Pizza Status

East of Chicago Pizza will be doing the pizza this year. Mo Smith said they will charge \$5.50 per pizza. The first pizza day will be Monday, September 12, 2005. The cost will still be \$1.00 per slice. Mr. DeLucia asked that someone remind them to try and cut the pieces evenly to be fair. Pizza needs to be passed out at least 100 feet from where the school lunches are served. Mr. DeLucia stated that the Health Department may be making inspections and we will have to meet their requirements. Mo Smith said that East of Chicago will leave some heat bags to keep the pizza hot.

I. Directory Status

Bonnie has a form to send home with students to be filled out for the

directory. The goal is to have the directory out by the end of October and have extras on hand to sell during conferences.

J. Volunteer Request for Grandparents Day

Grandparents will return to classroom with kids so the kids can show them their classes. There will be a 9-11 Memorial and it was suggested that anyone who served in the armed forces be acknowledged.

Bonnie spoke to Speedway Gas Station about coffee. They are giving us a good deal and she will pick it up.

Volunteers are needed to pick up donuts. It is estimated that we will need 32-35 dozen.

We will be using the leftover grandparent mugs from last year's Holiday Shop.

K. Newly Scheduled Events

1. Holiday Shop - December 12, 13 and 14 during school hours and also in the evening on the 14th.
2. Chuck E. Cheese Night - January 12, 2006. There is no school the next day.

L. Sign Status

Last year the Executive Committee voted and approved to purchase a new sign with extra funds. There were not extra funds.

We will need a Sign Committee to raise funds. A spelling bee and walk-a-thon with pledges were suggested.

M. Mr. DeLucia

Some classrooms are in need of televisions - we will need 3 or 4. Overhead projectors are in need of repair. The Board no longer repairs them but parts

can be ordered. About \$20.00 a piece is all that is needed.

We voted and approved new TV's and repairs for overhead projectors.

N. Miscellaneous Discussion

Janice Williams is concerned about girls basketball and has offered to coach. Mr. Funka is looking into the possibility of a south end league for basketball.

Mrs. Packo suggested that we start a Hurricane Katrina Fund. Mr. DeLucia said that his neighbor has relatives staying with them from Louisiana who were affected by the hurricane and their children will be attending Crossgates.

There was discussion of uniform donations at the school. It would be nice to have them at the school for the little kids who may have accidents. Cindy Markovich suggested a uniform swap. Josee Garceau said they have a sale for uniforms at St. Pats. Bonnie will put this back on the agenda as a topic to discuss in April.

Jeff Johnston inquired how much money was made from the pizza sales last year. Bonnie did not have that information readily available.

Pizza money is for the Technology fund. Pop money is for camp and Book Fair money goes to the library.

Mo asked if there are plates for the TV's that say "Property of Crossgates Parents Club". Bonnie is checking into the cost

Bonnie is taking over the bulletin board in the hall for calendars.

Pop sale money goes to next year camp fund. Coke products are preferred since TPS has a contract with Coke. In the past we have had all Coke pop and 100% juice. Cindy asked about having diet pop this year and a few parents seemed interested in that.

\$200.00 was approved for each teacher. They will submit receipts in

amounts of \$50 or more and be reimbursed. There will be no advances of money.

Bonnie said we are starting out the year with no extra funds in the account. She has some Scrip left from last year to sell that was purchased in advance in hopes of increasing participation. New program information will be sent out shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm