

Meeting Minutes
Crossgates Parents' Club
February 2, 2006

Bonnie Herrmann called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the January Meeting.

B. Executive Committee Meeting Updates

2005-2006 Fundraiser - Payment has been received on most. There are three small outstanding debts. There are three over \$75.00. There were two bad checks. One family has moved to Texas and we are trying to contact them. They also owe the Library money.

The Nominating Committee will consist of Jill Bratton, Amy Donahue, Josee Garceau, Mo Smith and Mr. DeLucia.

We need to get a survey out to parents to find out why they do not attend Parents' Club Meetings. Amy Donahue volunteered to put the survey together.

C. Treasurer's Report

Parents' Club	7,686.47
Library	817.91
Pizza	3,561.31
Pop	1,233.17
Teachers	2,179.00
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Total	15,477.86
Athletics	490.04

We made \$196.00 from Chuck E. Cheese night. We can have another one anytime we want. The next one will be April 13.

Mrs. Heninger will receive \$100.00 from the Teachers fund.

D. Teacher Appreciation Schedule

April - Lena Arnott

May - Amy Donahue and Jill Bratton

E. Committee Updates

Library - Ellen Barnhizer ordered \$494.00 worth of new books. She needs to have purchases approved by the Parents' Club prior to placing any orders. Amy would like to order new bookmarks, posters and chairs.

Sunshine - no updates.

F. Upcoming Events

February Bingo Night - will be February 3 from 6:00 to 8:00. Officer Carroll and ten or more Bowsher Service Corps members will be there. We will have pizza, pop and juice.

Candy Gram Sales - Lynn Moeller is taking care of candy grams.

March Meeting - Karen Gray, Principal of Byrndale will be at the meeting.

Executive Committee Nominees will be announced and the election will be in April.

Spring Blood Drive - April 3, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Josee will schedule appointments again and Wendy Garczynski will send out the postcards.

Donuts for Dads - April 7. We need decorations. Jeff Johnston will pick up donuts if we get them from Wixey's Bakery. We need 15 dozen.

Spring Walk-a-thon - We will need to have a snack and water for the kids.

Field Day - May 26. Jeff Johnston volunteered to head this up.

Kindergarten Registration will be May 2, 3 and 4. We will possibly have the book fair at the same time.

We would like to have a Parents' Club Representative here or a flyer available the first three days of school when during Kindergarten testing to hopefully get them interested in attending meetings and being involved in the Parents' Club.

J. Mr. DeLucia

Mrs. Carroll would like a new 30 cup coffee pot to use for hot chocolate for the crossing guards. The old one makes everything taste like coffee. Bonnie will check and see if they have them at Gordon Food Service. Josee will check and see if we can get one through Campbell's Labels for Education. Mrs. Carroll has also requested a video series that costs \$99.00.

The rumors regarding Crossgates closing because of budget deficit are just rumors. Nine schools are to close. Public and parochial schools are both hurting because of the Charter Schools.

A part time speech therapist was hired for Monday afternoon and all day Thursday. Her name is Candy Valentine.

Thirty-six students will be attending 6th Grade Camp this year.

H. Open Discussion

Bonnie suggests we try Ident-a-kid. Parents fill out important identifying information about child and the company takes a picture and fingerprint of him/her. A credit card size card is then created for parents to carry and keep on hand in the event something should happen to the child. The cost is \$6.00 for one card and \$10.00 for four. It takes approximately 10 minutes. They are available to do it on Field Day. The concern was brought up that kids may not want to leave Field Day to have this done. Bonnie will check into other dates. Josee suggests that we do it as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.