

Parents Club Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2006

Meeting called to order 9:16 am.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Lena Arnott to fill Secretary position vacated by Jill Bratton. No objections.

Treasurers Report given by Wendy Garczynski:

Parents Club	\$4950.96
Pizza	4632.91
Pop	<u>896.70</u>
Total	\$10480.66

Nicole Coffman explained that it is not normal to have a balance that large carried over and that it was due to a previous mix up and funds had been recouped.

Nicole went over the proposed budget line by line because there were a number of parents new to the school present at the meeting:

- Explanation of how the Kohl's cards work. School gets 5% per gift card sold. Credit cards balances can be paid with gift cards.
- Collection of Box Tops. Diane Starks in charge of this.
- Ink cartridge recycling. Josee collects cartridges and sends them in for money for school.
- Kroger cards. Purchase card through Josee for \$5. Card has \$5 on it. Recharge it at register before order is rung up. Pay for order with gift card and school receives 5%.
- Market Day. Similar to Schwann's products. Order can be placed through school or online and picked up at school on specified day. School gets 10% of orders placed.
- Ohio Skate. Fundraiser held once per month with Beverly School. Once minimum of 75 students is met, we get % of sales for the night.
- Candy Grams. Lollipops sold at Valentine's Day. Children can write their own messages and candy is delivered by the Parents Club during the Valentine Parties.
- Kid's Night Out. Held usually on Friday nights from 6-8 pm. Person who volunteers to run the event can pick the theme. Some in the past have been Halloween parties, Bingo night, etc.
- Bulletin boards. Boards in the library are decorated periodically by a parent volunteer. One of them is the birthday board that lists all the students birthdays two months at a time.

- Sunshine. Volunteer sends out sympathy, get well cards, etc. as needed.
- Spirit Committee. Organizes Spirit Days such as silly sock, spirit wear, funky hair, Ohio State/Michigan, etc. Creates and sends out fliers to promote.
- Guard Party. Guards are rewarded for their service with a party at UT.
- Principal's List/Honor Roll Recognition. Students are rewarded with special lunches for academic achievements.
- 6th Grade Party. 6th graders get a party at UT.
- 6th Grade Recognition. 6th Graders have cake and punch celebration after Awards Night.
- Bonding. Insuring of the Parent's Club through TPS and Brooks Insurance.
- Directory. Names and numbers of students in a directory. Very valuable information for homework questions, etc. Inclusion in it is optional.
- Library. \$500 given to library yearly for books, book marks, pencils, etc.
- Scouts. Amount given is changing from \$20 per troop to \$50 for new troops (Daisy and Tigers Scouts, at this time it is also noted that we have no Boy Scouts currently at Crossgates due to no one being willing to run it). The reason for the change is that new troops have nothing to start with and Daisy Scouts are not allowed to do any fundraising. Ongoing troops have money from previous year and are able to sell cookies, popcorn etc.
- Field Day. First half of day is organized by Ms. Hodges, physical education teacher with relay races, etc. Second half is organized by Parents Club with festival style games with candy prizes.
- Scholarship. Each year the Parents Club awards a \$500 scholarship to a Crossgates/Byrnedale/Bowsher graduate based on specific guidelines.
- 6th grade camp. Amount to help offset the cost of Camp Storer for 6th graders.
- Buses. TPS does not provide buses for field trips. Parents Club supplies one bus per grade per year.
- Teachers spending allowance. This is money reimbursed to teachers for classroom supplies not provided by the board of education. We are reimbursing \$100 for the first part of the year then will reexamine the budget in January to see if we can give them another \$100 each.
- Grandparents Day. Expecting about 500 people this Monday for donuts, juice, milk and coffee.
- Teachers Appreciation. Luncheons in library to show appreciation for our teachers.

- Volunteer Appreciation. Small thank you gifts for parents who help out during the year.
- Events/Programs/Equipment. A misc. category to cover things that come up.

Josee explains why amount budget as fundraiser income is low - because we have never done a Walk-A-Thon and do not know what to expect income-wise.

No objections to budget. Proposed budget passed.

Nicole suggests a Parents Club Trophy for class that has most attendance at Parents Club meeting. Wendy to check into cost of trophy.

Need someone to pick up donuts from Meijers for Grandparents Day. A gentleman volunteered if they could be ready at 6:30. Nicole to check.

It has come to Parents Club attention that there are no guidelines for what to do with camp money earned per child through scrip/Kohls in the event the child leaves the school. Camp is \$122 this year. Vote is unanimous to let parent decide what to do with money (donate to Parents Club, check to family, etc) but family must contact Parents Club. Put notation of this policy on statement with signature to come back.

Josee says Walk-A-Thon planning in final stages. Needs ideas for prizes. Every child to get a pedometer. If it rains, event will take place in school. So far we have lots of volunteers signed up but note will go home soon. Frisch's and Fleegers are offering donations. Idea presented to send flyer asking for donations and Josee said she has already contacted all area businesses.

Mr. Delucia has nothing specific but always open for questions:

- Question about recess. Waiting on Kindergarteners to be ready. They need to eat their lunches in a timely manner. Children will go out for recess weather permitting. TPS has no time scheduled for recess.
- New wellness policy may jeopardize Pizza Day. Part of No Child Left Behind Act. Guidelines say we can't send in cupcakes for birthdays. These are federal guidelines and how to follow them has not been serviced yet.
- Volunteers are always welcome in the lunchroom, especially for little ones in the first lunch hour.
- If you come in to volunteer, someone can always use help with something.
- Introduced the Librarian. She will be at Crossgates on Wednesdays.
- We are not having a school store this year.
- Question brought up about not having everyone have an opportunity to be student of the month and Mr. Delucia said he did not want it to be something everyone gets but wants it to be special for kids who do their work, get along with their peers, are not late, etc. Not for grades, that is the Principals List and Honor Roll. Agreed that sometimes it may be necessary to have co-students of the month.
- Diane Stark asked Mr. Delucia about dress down days for rewards for box tops. Mr. Delucia says dress down days got out of hand last year and wants children to participate in donations, etc. because it is the right thing to do and not just so they don't have to wear their uniform. Building committee will decide. Request was denied for the time being.
- Mrs. Stark says she needs ideas for contests. Nicole suggested making a proposal to present to the building committee. Mr. Delucia agreed to present any

- proposal. Question whether whole class should be rewarded for a few parents who save all the box tops.
- A question brought up about what can be done about traffic problem before and after school. Mr. Delucia going to talk to Officer Berry about having someone out in morning to remind people of the rules about student drop off. Hopefully for more than one day.

Josee has a volunteer sign up sheet, also on web site. Mainly need a person to run the pizza day, holiday shop, October Kids Night Out. All of our phone numbers are on web site.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:16.

Respectfully submitted by: Wendy Garczynski