

January Station PTO Meeting

Called to order at 9:28

Mary Magro cannot make the meeting today so there will just be a paper Treasurer's Report. Total collected on No-Stress Fundraiser is \$14,660.00. Motion to approve Thelma Condon, Annette Nickolich second. Approved.

Review of December minutes. Motion to approve Betsey Diamond, Terri Moore second. Approved

Teacher Liaison - Kathy Hempel – Computer club starting up again with Mr. McGuire. Taking donation of Pentium 3 and up of computers. These are refurbished and given to needy families. No tax donation letter available. Spanish teachers are asking \$300.00 for the dancing instructor on Spanish dancing. Starting another round of lunch with the librarian. We will be participating in a mythology bee through Scholastic and the Percy Jackson series. Staff donated books to library for the holidays with statement why it was important to them. This will be highlighted and promoted to the students.

President's Report – Barbara Harris – Last day to do the survey is January 20th. We will be having a coffee on February 10th with 1 or 2 board members from 9-10am. 20/20 strategic planning meeting will be taking place in February. Barrington Area United Way is asking groups and business to participate in the "Round Up". Similar to the Chicago Cows. We need to decide whether we will participate. Offering a discount of \$1200.00 per pony. Special Voices cookbook was very successful. Reprint may be available before the next holiday season. January 28th Morningline presentation on "Nineteen Minutes." RSVPs are due so that they can plan accordingly. Denise Clark Pope will be coming to visit the high school April 21st. She authored "Doing School." District Calendar is available on line now for next year. PTOs will be recognized at the school board meeting tonight.

Principal's Report – Dr. Craig Winkelman – over 200 responses so far. District put out the survey to help guide in areas of focus, recognition and planning. Each principal will get the information regarding their building. Student access view has been created for the kids to access their own records and to access certain information. We welcome feedback and comments regarding the Explore testing for 8th graders. District will be sending out information on why and how they will be using the Explore test for placement purposes.

Fine Arts – Denise Rouse – Auditions are ongoing for Les Miserables. There will be a pit band for this production.

Hospitality – Vicki Perille – working on Valentines Day sweets.

PALS – Barbara Harris – Introducing the program to staff in early February.

Programs – Shefali Bhuvra – Rope Warrior program will be coming in the next month or two.

Publicity – Annette Nickolich – no report

Staff Appreciation – next event is super bowl theme on the 30th.

Fundraising – Sandy Kraimer - putting on a spring book fair on 7th through the 12th of March.

No Stress – Total raised so far is \$14,660.00. Student Counsel is looking at loose change fund drive and other fundraising ideas.

School Packs – Helen Sheyka – no report

Sweat Sales – no report

8th Grade Year End – May 15th is the date. We have begun planning.

Ski Club – Jeri Broderick - registration today for trip to Wilmont. Must have id to get on the bus.

Snowflake – Sue Barsness – We had lots of volunteers (120). We are in final planning stages.

Social – Thelma Condon – spring event March 12th or 13th looking at Cocoa Key.

Newsletter – Maria Graft – stationnewseditor1@gmail.com.

Nominating – Terri Moore and Betsey Diamond – asking exec board to decide if staying until Feb 1st. Then open up to others. Start looking at what you are interested in doing for next year. Contact Betsey at mcbuilders@mindspring.com

Motion to adjourn Denise Rouse second Thelma Condon.

Meeting adjourned.