

## PTO BOARD MEETING

2006-2007

February 6, 2007

### ATTENDANCE:

**Board Members:** Mona Navitsky, Christine Bruner, Cynthia Verbinski, Jan Romenesko, Denise Rouse, Heidi Schmeling, Debbie Owen, Mary Gerak, Sue Padula, Jonna Calamari, Karen Poglitsch, Cathy Wloch, Deb Argianas, Vicki Perille, Jill Bogarets, Jennifer Lekai, Lori Miller, Barb Strauss

**Guests:** Helen Sheyka, Amanda Niro, Sue Randall, Britta Wasem

**Teacher Representative:** Becky Bradley

**Principal:** Craig Winkelman

The board meeting was called to order by President Denise Rouse at 9:20 AM.

Sue Randall, representing the high school PTO nominating committee encouraged parents of incoming freshman to get involved with the high school PTO. Tom Leonard gives an update at all the meetings which is a great way to find out what is going on at the high school. Amy Sauer is in charge of the nominating committee, so, contact her if you are interested in a position on the PTO board.

Mary Gerak moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Verbinski and passed by acclamation.

Britta Wasem , representing the Barrington Area Relay for Life, informed us of the upcoming event. It will be held at Barrington High School on June 9 and 10. The goal this year is to raise over \$300,000. Britta shared her personal experiences and encouraged us to make a team commitment. She also pointed out the importance of the support provided by the American Cancer Society to those facing cancer.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jonna presented the budget versus actual report through February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 . No categories had significant variances when compared with budgeted amounts. Jonna also presented a forecast calculating how much we will have available for wish list items. The forecast assumed an additional \$3,000 collected from our No-Stress Fundraiser. This resulted in just over \$11,000 for wish list items. Mona Navitsky made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sue Padula seconded the motion which passed by acclamation.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Denise announced that a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is being offered to Barrington Area residents. The training will be offered March 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should contact Dan Link, 847-382-8220 or John Meier 847-304-1997.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Craig reported that the school board voted last week to hold off on asking for funds this spring for the middle schools. Their focus at this time is on an early childhood center and a new stadium for the high school. They made a commitment to focus on the middle schools in the spring 2008 referendum. Craig did announce that the roof repairs will be addressed this summer as they are too severe to be put off until 2008. He is also requesting three double wide mobiles (six classrooms) for next year. This should be approved by the school board within the next month.

Craig reported that since spring referendum will not address the middle schools, the 10 LCD projectors purchased last year will be installed in classrooms as soon as possible. He is also hoping to purchase and install 5 more projectors with funds from this year's No Stress Fundraiser. The other item that is planned for this year is a new sound system for the gym. He is also moving forward on 4 communication screens for the activity center.

Craig announced that Jim Alfs, Assistant Principal, will be leaving at the end of the school year. He will be taking a position as a Principal in Hampshire. His skills, talents and great personality will be missed at Station.

Craig reported that 416 students were involved with the Snowflake program last month. The team is looking for ways to make the event all inclusive. We agreed that it would be helpful to have a separate PTO committee to help coordinate volunteers for this event.

Becky Bradley, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, is currently shadowing Mr. Winkelman, so, she attended our meeting. She asked numerous questions about the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade Civil War Days. She reported that April 26<sup>th</sup> is the Pre-Civil War Day and May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Actual Civil War Day.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **No Stress Fundraiser**

The No Stress Fundraiser Committee reported that they have collected \$20,615. This is over the goal of over \$20,000. However, they are still taking checks.

### **Student Social**

The Gameworks outing will be Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30- 7p.m. Sign up will be Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> during the lunch period.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade social is going to be held March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at Station from 7-9p.m. The cost will be \$5. They will serve water and Chex mix.

### **Newsletter**

Cynthia reminded everyone to turn in their articles today for the next newsletter. Her computer is not working so she will not be able to accept late articles this month.

### **Welcoming Committee**

The committee agreed to work with the counselors to be certain that new families that join Station during the year are greeted and introduced to PTO programs on a timely basis. This will include encouragement to attend the next Principal's Coffee.

### **Eighth Grade Video**

Barb Strauss asked for copies of any school related pictures from this year. She is working hard to cover as many students and as many events a possible. She is also planning to pass out disposable cameras to the advisory teachers in the hopes of catching some candid shots.

### **Fine Arts**

The Fine Arts Committee is finalizing the details of their upcoming raffle. It will be held during the first full week of March. Tickets will be available during parent teacher conferences as well as the lunch hours on three days.

### **OLD BUSINESS: None**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Craig requested funds to purchase and install 5 additional LCD projectors. These projectors will be installed along with the 10 projectors purchased at the end of last year. He requested \$12,500 for this wish list item. Debbie Argianas made a motion to approve this expenditure. The motion was seconded by Cathy Wloch and passed by acclamation.

Craig also requested funds to purchase and install the 4 communication screens which are to be mounted in the activity center. The total cost of this project will be \$6,100. The PTO has received a grant for \$3,000 which will go toward the purchase of the screens. A \$1,800 contribution was received from a family and was specifically designated for this project. He requested an additional \$1,300 as a wish list item to complete this phase of this project. Debbie Argianas made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3,100 for this project. (the \$1,800 and the \$1,300) The motion was seconded by Mary Gerak and passed by acclamation.

Mona Navitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lori Miller seconded the motion. It passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Romenesko  
PTO Secretary