

## SS PALMER PTO MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24, 2011

- Meeting called to order by PTO president Mary Jo King at 6:00pm
- Minutes from November's meeting were attached to the agenda to be read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jen Shinsky and Anne Howard.
- Treasurer's report is attached to the agenda for your review. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Charles Gildner and seconded by Lori Cesanek.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Book Fair Parkside:** update given by Nicki Frank. The next book fair will be February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be a carnival "ticket to read". Set up will be Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 and clean up will be Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Evening events are scheduled on both nights from 4-7pm. We will be selling tickets to benefit One for Books which proceeds go to the Parkside library. The tickets can be used to purchase hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, funnel cake, soft pretzels, etc. There will be games for the children as well. Lots of volunteer help will be needed!! Please contact Nicki or Lindsey German to help.
- **Childcare:** update given by Mary Jo for Rose Henning. If you would like to help Rose and the NJHS students with childcare during meetings, please see Rose. She really needs more volunteer help.
- **JR4H:** update given by Mary Jo for Linda Koch. JR4H will be held this week and into next week at both schools. Due to the 2 hour delay today, Parkside's will be held on Monday of next week. And, if there are any further school closings this week, the days will be pushed into next week. Lots of volunteer help is needed to assist the children and Mr Heller with all the stations they go through for JR4H.
- **Clothing Swap:** update given by Mary Jo for Deb Taylor. Debbie is looking for someone to shadow her for the next few clothing swaps since this is her last year chairing this committee. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Debbie or one of the officers. The next clothing swap will take place sometime in April. The date will be announced in the near future.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** update given by Julie Stroup. We are all set to go with the West End pizza sale and Gertrude Hawk candy sales. The fundraiser packets will go home the first week of February. Students will have 2-3 weeks to sell the items. We are also looking into adding a cheesecake fundraiser this year just to see how well it does. Tentative dates for fundraiser pickup at west end fire co are 3/24-3/25 for K-2 and 3/31-4/1 for grades 3-6. Look for the fundraisers to go home with your children soon!
- **Basket Social/Bake Sale/Kid's Bingo:** update given by Mary Jo. This year we are going to do all of these on one day, hopefully up at the high school sometime at the end of March. Jen Sterner and Tina Reph volunteered to take over the Kid's Bingo this year. That game of bingo is played by the children and they can win great games as prizes. The basket social is a Chinese auction with baskets put together by donations of the students. And, as always, we will also do a bake sale that will go on for the duration of the events. Look for more information regarding these events soon.
- **Presidents Report:** update given by Mary Jo. If anyone is interested in signing up to be a part of the Health Fair committee, please put your email address and phone number on the paper on the sign in table (or contact an officer). This committee will be meeting in February to begin discussing plans for this September's fair. Kindergarten registration will be held from 2/28-3/2. Please call 610-826-7101 ext 5023 to make an appointment. Your child must be 5 years old on or before 9/1/2011 to qualify.
- **Principal's Report:** update given by Mrs. Brumbach. On 2/17, there will be a free workshop at the Intermediate Unit for parents about "How to Talk to Your Kids About Drugs". This is a free workshop. The average age that a child has their first alcoholic drink is age 8. Teenagers 1<sup>st</sup> experiment with marijuana at the average age of 13. If interested in attending, please contact Mrs. Brumbach for more information. Also, a reminder to parents about the reading requirement of 8 books per year (will increase to 10 books next year). 2 of these books have to be biographies, 2 fiction, 2 non-fiction, and 2 of the children's choice. As far as snow days, we have to use Fri, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and Thurs, April 21<sup>st</sup> as make up days. June 3<sup>rd</sup> has also been added to the end of the school calendar. Any additional snow days will also be added to the end of the year. Thanks for all that PTO does! Please feel free to contact Mrs. Brumbach with any questions or concerns via email or phone.

Door Prizes were handed out.  
Meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT PTO MEETING IS FEBRUARY 28, 2011**