

PTO MEETING MINUTES FEB 13, 2012

- **Meeting called to order by PTO President Mary Jo King at 7pm.**
- **John Hower from Nothing But Dumplings**-homemade apple dumplings family run business. 53 schools utilize this a fundraiser in PA. Everything made fresh. \$3.50 per dumpling profit = \$1.40 per dumpling. 10 days turnaround time for orders submitted until delivery. Deals with all non-profit organizations.
- **Minutes** from January's meeting are on the website. Will will pass a motion on them at next month's meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report**- Chris Leshner- behind the minutes-expense, income and ending reports. Spring fundraiser money is not reflected on the report yet since the fundraisers are just coming in now. Field trips are beginning to be paid now. Field trip dates will be at the next meeting. Motion to accept the report made by Anne Cronk and seconded by Missy Kolnik.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Book Fair**-update by Nicki Frank. All money in = all money out. Scholastic gave us a 10% bonus. We give everything back in books at this fundraiser. One for books money collected was used to purchase books for Parkside library. All 1st grade students receive a book valued at \$5 upon leaving Parkside. Update by Lindsey German...Palmer bookfair begins Wednesday February 22nd. Shopping will be the 22nd through the 24th. Family night is in the cafeteria Monday February 27th. See Lindsey for the sheets to see when teachers will be shopping on those days. One for books at Palmer so far is \$182.
- **Dance**-update by Julie Stroup. Valentine's Day Dance went really well. The next dance will be the Farewell Dance in May. Lots of donations of small waters, juices, individually wrapped snacks and baked goods will be needed since that dance is FREE for students. PTO points will be awarded for donations. We need to decide upon a theme for this dance as well. Look for more information to come via email in the next couple of months.
- **Spring Fundraiser-update by Tricia Steinmetz for donuts**- pickup is this Sunday, February 19th at St John's Church from 1-3 (help will be needed from 12:30 to unload the truck and distribute items). Update by Brigitte and Tina—fundraisers are still coming in. They are due Wed, Feb 15th. Pickups are March 22nd for K-2 and March 29th for 3-6 from 11-6 at the West End Fire Co.
- **Basket Auction/Bake Sale**-will be held March 25th. More information will be coming home in the next week or two.
- **Toy/Game BINGO**-update by Becky Christman/Anne Cronk-bingo doors open at 12, begins at 1:15. Lots of food will be served. 20 games are planned. All of the prizes are \$35 and up. Bingo will go until 4pm. We have door prizes but are still in need of consolation prizes. Michele O'Neill will need help in the kitchen with all the food that day. Donations needed are bottled waters, juice boxes, pierogies, hotdog buns, chicken fingers, baked goods, soft pretzels, soups, bags of snacks, etc. Michele will be there beginning at 11am at the Aquashicola Fire co.
- **Market Day**- update by Mary Jo for Pam Andrews. Pickup is February 23rd in SS Palmer Cafeteria. Truck arrives at 6pm and pickup is from 7-8pm. Orders are due by Feb 16th. Help will be needed beginning by 6pm to unload the truck and organize orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- **President's Report**- update given by Mary Jo. Boxtops for January 9th were \$271. Another check will be received in April so keep sending boxtops in. So far, during the 2011-12 school year, we have earned \$1,903 from boxtops. Labels for Education...if you like the link, we will receive 50 points. The points accumulate and we can buy items for the school. Thanks to everyone for all the donations, time, and participation you provide continually.
- **Festival Committee**- update by Michele O'Neill. Meeting for the Palmerton Festival occurred. Rental fee stayed the same at \$291.50. We will be doing the same crepe sale at the stand this coming year. Mandatory set-up and clean-up meetings for the festival (weekends prior and after the festival respectively) will be held this year. Palmerton will be doing a Centennial celebration in conjunction with the festival this year.
- **Principal's Report**- update by Mary Brumbach-telephone book recycling ends this Thursday, Feb 16th. Parkside's book fair went really well. One for books collection at SS Palmer is raising money to throw a pie in the face of Mrs. Brumbach. One student from each grade will be able to do this at an assembly. PSSAs are coming up. Information session on Wednesday February 29th about PSSAs for new 3rd grade parents. Kindergarten registration is coming up. JR4H was a great success as usual thanks to the PTO volunteer help. If the children collect \$7,500, Mr Heller will come to school dressed in woman's clothing. JR4H was featured in an article in the Times News as well. No snow days utilized so far so the President's Day weekend will be long
- **School Board Committee**-Tuesday, February 21st at 7pm on the 3rd floor of Parkside. Policy 707 was discussed at the workshop meeting. Use of facility fees won't apply to organizations such as our PTO. We may just have to adjust times for using the facilities on the weekends.
- **Comments/Questions**- K fieldtrip is May 3 in the morning, Friday May 11th is the 2nd grade trip to the zoo, 3rd grade to Quiet Valley is May 31st, 4th grade is March 22nd, 6th grade is May 2nd. No definite dates for 1st and 5th grades yet.
- **Door Prize Drawings**
- **Meeting was adjourned.**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 7PM IN SS PALMER CAFETERIA.