

# **Minutes of the OAS PTA General Membership Meeting January 16, 2013**

## **Call to Order:**

Jodi Klimko, OAS PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. / Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of Minutes

*The minutes from the October 16, 2012 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved. (Teresa Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Mrs. Vella, second motion)*

## **Order of Business:**

### **1. President's Report: Jodi Klimko**

- DyAnne DiSalvo (author visit) coming at the end of the month (elementary school.) Mrs. Vella reported speaking with her and commented on how lovely she is. She also spoke about having the presentation in the library. Each teacher recommends students for "Reluctant Readers" and the author will have lunch with them. A photo release form will be required for children that want pictures with her. Mrs. Vella to forward the schedule to us in regards to the author.
- Iron Chef Fundraiser: To date:350 families(10 free pies.) Any other forms need to be in ASAP. Grand Falloons show provided the grant money. To set up in the gym and cafeteria. People to donate desserts, lemonade and water provided. Also, Municipal Alliance to come and provide information.
- Website update and upcoming launch: Trish Ryan still working on it( volunteer contact form still working it out) question is where does the form go. Teresa Wilson reports the form goes to one contact person ( Lisa to include chair & co chair.The website will be updated as needed quickly. Pictures were received by Trish and Cheryl. Kristin may cross reference forms for pictures, etc. on the website. The website can be launched and then changes made. Jodi reports a transition from Orangegram to website Feb/March. Website can list whatever events, PTA,etc. It will be a more efficient and effective way to relay information. Jodi reports everyone seems to be happy with the weekly blast email. The website should be more dynamic.
- Band Night: Meghan Walsh: This is a big fundraiser to be held at the VFW in Kenilworth, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mushroom will be performing,330 people last year attended. Baskets from restaurants & experienced baskets ( teachers can volunteer to do something with the kids.) Brookside has done this in the past. for example, pizza with the principal. If interested in getting on the committee, a meeting to be held on 2/13.

2. **Membership:** As of January 8, 2013, there were 764 members ( \$8 per member equals \$6,112.) Of the membership funds collected, NJPTA State membership dues are \$4 per member for \$3,056. This leaves the OAS PTA with a \$3,056 profit.
3. **Financials to Date:** vote is yes for walkie/talkies 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Jane Smith. Second motion, Valerie Betford.

4. **Treasurer’s Report: Kerry Rokicki/Jodi Klimko on behalf of Kristin Santos**  
 A report highlighting significant expenditures and income was provided in addition to a complete line-item budget.

2011 – 2012 Beginning Bank Balance	\$15,102.34
Current Bank Balance as of June 5, 2012	\$22,328.16
Outstanding checks	\$7,608.46

**Available Balance after deduction -** \$14,719.60

**Mini Grants:** Four Mini-Grants were approved during and three payments have been made for a total of ( 985.40)

- Buono-Books for Assessment (\$500.00)
- Front Office Staff-Two Communication Systems/Walkie-Talkies (\$335.40)
- Dan Reppert-Tri-pod for Video Camera ( \$149.95)
- Joan Gosselin- Barebooks 4G and 4BL (\$80.50)-approved
- OAS Staff-Additional Walkie-Talkies have been requested (\$1,000)
- Allocation is outstanding awaiting a receipt ( Carducci- A picture of Kindness)

**Cash for Class:** eight cash-for-class grants have been submitted and approved to date ( \$483.64.)

**Goldman Sachs Line Item Creation:** \$500.00 opportunity to apply for grant money again. Donations last year outside of funding from Goldman. More people to come on a Friday & give back to community. Motion to add \$500.00, “Spring Community Project”. Meghan Walsh 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Eileen Michie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

**Correspondence:** Meghan Walsh reported there were two births, books donated in honor. Also, there were three deaths, books donated as well to family members. In December office staff was given a basket of treats.

**Committee Updates: Teresa Wilson/Rosemarie Berard**

- Teresa thanked all chairs for the fall book sale & holiday boutique ( specifically Karen Guyden)
- Jodi commented on how helpful the custodial staff was & shared this with Mrs. Vella

- Recess Runners: Meghan reported completed for the fall season.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Comedy Night (still need chairs for) coming up March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Bohemian Raspberry- Fundraiser with us at some point. 10% proceeds to school.
- Rollerskating & Bingo Night coming up.
- Art Night ( Alisha Hooey) coming up in March. Started preparation-flowers placed around school.
- Lunchtime Offerings in need of another chair.

#### 5. **Principal's Report: Michelle Vella**

- OAS will be celebrating a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. (trivia questions were started on Monday about history of OAS) teachers/parents submit trivia questions.
- OAS: hunger drive 6<sup>th</sup> grade year long initiative is to bring in fundraising.
- November's turkey drive was successful
- Soup for Super Bowl-pizza party for the class that collects the most canned goods.
- 800 needed items collected. items will be donated too. ( Mr. Refford \$856.00)
- Diane DeSalvo: Mrs. Vella is excited to bring her in for the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, Faculty Follies
- April 4<sup>th</sup>: Staff Talent show performing for students& parents for Cancer Project( founded by Mrs. Colosimo's daughter)
- Beat the bad luck club 1 hour long 6:30-7:30 on a Thursday night more for asas
- Coat drive was a success ( lots of coats were donated.)
- School Supply Drive received many donations.
- Enrichment Day was a success with an array of presenters (16-17 presenters.)
- Experience the Arts Day was also a success.
- Books of the Month: Elementary & middle school focusing on different things, children's literature,etc.
- Smart Goals: second assessment in February
- February Play is Wanda's World: Mr. Schwartz's last production.
- Mike Fallon to be here on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- NAEP testing for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students: National test for Language Arts & math Assessment.
- Mrs. Vella to meet with Jill Brown ( cybersafety expert) more information to come.
- Mrs. McLoughlin to go on maternity leave & Chrissy Sabelle recently married.
- Mr. Brooks is filling in for Ms. O'Brien
- There are open Presidents positions for 2013-2014 school year

#### 6. **Board of Education Report: Mary Catherine Sudiak**

- As the Board of Education representative to the PTC, Mary noted the PTC luncheon is Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- She noted the district received another perfect audit ( no recommendations noted in the audit report.)

- She commented on various maintenance reports, in particular, the wood shop ventilation system work at CHS has been fully completed and turned out well. The air conditioning system in the high school library has been mostly completed. The gym floors at Walnut, Bloomingdale, and Livingston have been refurbished. The clock/intercom systems have not yet gotten underway but are being developed. Science room at CHS has been renovated, another room is expected to be renovated next year as part of the 2013-2014 budget. CHS gym floor has not been done, the district did not receive any bids when project was put out there. The track at Memorial Field was refurbished. OAS & HAS auditoriums have new sound & lighting systems. The installation of a new sound & lighting system is in progress at CHS.
- Mary spoke about the board's efforts to work with the Municipal Alliance along with other organizations & individuals in the community to develop awareness about the issue of underage drinking and drug use.
- Mary mentioned Dr. Macaluso , with the district for 41 years who currently serves as the District's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction is retiring.
- Mary spoke about the proposed school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Two drafts were passed out to attendees.
- She commented on next year's school budget & reported funding from the state is expected to be the same as last year.
- Finally, Mary commented on the January 18<sup>th</sup> forum, **Safe and secure Schools: Perspectives after Newtown** that is being sponsored by the New Jersey Boards Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

*Meeting adjourned 9:13 p.m.*