

Chatham Middle School PTSA
November 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 3:04 p.m.

Approval of October 2008 minutes – Motion by Deb Melanson. Second by Larry Burud. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – see separate sheet

Co-secretary (Mary Noelle Fabiano)

Correspondence – Received thank-you's from teachers for books we gave them from book fair, and for providing food for peer mediation training. Mary Noelle will be sending out book fair volunteer thank you's. She sent thank you's for picture day, Side Door Grille for pizza for peer mediation.

Flu Clinic cancellation – Mary Noelle explained why we cancelled; basically FluBusters kept changing rules for participation and we didn't feel was clear enough or reliable enough.

President (Tammy Shaw)

HRB&T Foundation grant – Tammy wrote a grant for \$2,500 for basketball court submitted today. She got OK from superintendent and facilities committee. Nov. 20 is foundation meeting. She will try for another grant or we'll have to do fundraiser to raise remainder of total cost, \$5,800. Deb suggests Stewart's stores. Principals Gordon Fitting and Larry Burud suggest 2 half courts instead of one full court so more kids can play. That may cost more, Tammy will check.

Committee Reports

Membership Campaign – Mary Noelle reported we're still trying to reach goal of 100, at 89 right now. Haven't approached businesses yet.

Fall Fundraiser – Jackie McKeon reported \$5,433 was sold; we earn 40% of total sales. 55 kids of 450 sold stuff. Nov. 18 the stuff arrives and will be given to kids. Discussion about doing fundraiser at different time or do something different because lots of other fundraisers were at same time. Tag sales suggested, baskets for raffle, etc.

Thanksgiving baskets – Gordon mentioned how kids in each classroom to bring in food items but info hasn't been getting out. PTSA will help get information out.

Reflections – Tammy received 2 entries for the theme contest. Tammy would like to give them a recognition certificate.

Fall Book Fair – Sue Oram reported we did well. Took a cash profit which was 25% of what we made because of the sales level we achieved. Cash will go to local food pantries. Or we may have to buy the food due to by-law requirements. We earned an extra \$60 in vouchers and have \$75 remaining. 65 students donated food and all received a free book; teachers got free books. PTSA donated about \$300 in books to an adopt-a-family program staff does at holidays.

Peer Mediation – Mary Noelle reported it went well; everyone fed well by PTSA

Picture day – Taitia Shelow reported it went smoothly and we were complimented by administration. Thanks to the volunteers. Makeup day coming up and more volunteers will be needed

OLD BUSINESS

Mini-grants:

Request for treadmill – Made by Lynn Fisher and John Rivers and tabled last month. Tammy read list of answers to our questions from last month. Lynn Fisher explained that an exercise bike is possibility, too, and they are less expensive and will still maintain aerobic piece of phys ed for those who can't participate in the regular class due to health reasons, etc. Some PTSA members more comfortable with the bike instead. The school can cover bike purchase, according to Gordon. PTSA willing to give money for something else. **Taitia makes motion to give phys ed department \$250 for exercise equipment; second by Jackie McKeon; motion passed.**

Request for special education Life Skills Program support – Tabled last month. Change made in request to smaller amount. Meg Thorsen requesting money to buy incidentals they can't get at Price Chopper for the program. Asking for \$100 instead of \$300. Sue mentioned that PTSA gave the program lots of books, \$1,500 worth. After some discussion, those present decided they program didn't benefit enough kids (2) so PTSA denied request.

Spring Fundraiser – Tammy contacted other organizations to create fundraising schedule. According to our 2008-09 budget, we need to raise \$2,500 for spring fundraiser. Need ideas!!!

New Business

SADD & Legislative Brief – CMS SADD chapter meets 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of month, run by Shari Franks. Monthly themes and events, dances, etc. Looking for student to join. Students may show up at SADD meetings to join or contact Shari Franks at 392-0337 or sdf@fairpoint.net.

Book Swap – we have 2 boxes of books to start a swap. Can have it for kids and adults; does anyone want to take charge of it? Can do near school cafeteria; just need to pick date/s. Debate over how many days/times.

Elks Club/essay contest – Tammy handed out flyer about contest. PTSA could advertise contest and collect the essays if someone will volunteer to get them to Elks Club.

Chairpersons for PTSA events – Lip Sync, Spirit Week, Winter Carnival chairpersons needed. Contact Tammy

DJ for 8th grade moving up dance - Discussion with no decision made.

NEW IDEAS, CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

At December 3 PTSA meeting, guest speakers will be attending: Dr. Wagner, BOE President and Mr. Hutchinson, BOE Member in regards to Superintendent Search.

Friday is CMS Veteran's Day ceremony at the school. Encourage any vets you know to attend. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

- Submitted by Taitia Shelow

November 6, 2008