

Little Tor PTA

General Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2010

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 p.m. by Mary Stroud

In attendance: Executive Board and 6 from General Membership

Agenda: See attached

Motion to approve the last meeting minutes was by Theresa Killian, seconded by Joyce Berger. All were in favor.

• **Green Committee:**

1. Joyce Berger reported that on May 14th Earth Beat will be coming to Little Tor. Volunteers are needed from 9-2 to run various activities for all grades. It will be field day like activities and parents will be running the stations that the children will be going to. Flyers went out for recycling bottles to help raise money to support the Earth Beat project. O&R will match any money collected by our students.

• **Budget: Mary Stroud reporting**

1. PTA is doing well with an income of close to \$19,000.00. After school enrichment programs raised close to \$6000.00 and was a huge success.

• **PTA Council Meeting: Mary Stroud**

1. Alexander Gromack spoke about the town budget which he said was in good shape.
2. Bradlees Shopping Center will be starting its construction project sometime in June.
3. Our superintendant of schools Margaret Keller Cogan will be at our next PTA meeting on April 29th to talk about the proposed budget next year. She said that the budget has to be cut back and that each principal should try and come up with a 5-6% reduction at their schools. Everyone is urged to come out and vote.
4. Results of the survey for changing the High School and Middle School starting times were as follows - 65% against changing time and 40% for changing time.
5. A mentors program has been established at the high school level and 113 mentors were selected and will help the freshman students coming into high school next year.

- **Funds – Monica Barbato** – Fund raising is going very well this year
 1. June 18 - 7:00 Staten Island Yankees Fundraiser. Students can sell tickets to this event where families can enjoy a minor league game, all the food you can eat and LT kids will be on the field for the singing of the National Anthem and if time allows the running of the bases. Cost will be between \$12-18. There will also be an assembly on April 12 for all grades with the Staten Island Yankee mascot making an appearance. Details will be out soon.
 2. Book Fair needs volunteers for March 25 & 26.
 3. Plant sale coming for Mothers Day
 4. Joe Corbie Fundraiser sometime in April
 5. Spring clothing sale coming soon.

- **Community – Dee LaNave**
 1. Blood drive is doing great.
 2. Green Committee doing a great job this year. They have broken up into 3 groups and will each be working on various projects for the school such as Earth Beat and Kids Run 2.

- **Programs – Monica Barbato for Robin Sokol**
 1. Talent show April 16th at Felix Festa 6:00
 2. International Night March 18, 6:30

- **Principal's Report – Ms. An**
 1. Fundraiser – March 23rd 4:00 – 8:00 pm - McTeacher night at Nanuet McDonalds for the 5th grade. Teachers will be working behind the counter and raising funds for the 5th Grade class. Come out and see which teachers will be behind the counter and support the 5th grade.
 2. Shared Decision Making - Community service through Social Studies. Kids will be asked to generate ideas for programs to help within school and community to show kids that they can help make a difference and make things happen. They will follow through on projects and see them through till the end. This program was unveiled to teachers and will start in the next school year.
 3. State Assessments are coming the end of April along with Science written and practical tests and ELA Math tests. Grades K-2 assessments will be in May.
 4. Kindergarten Registration and Story Time – 35 Kindergarteners have registered. Many have participated in story time. Story time program and orientation will be expanded and Specials Teachers will be coming in and doing activities with the children.

- **Old Business**

1. Nominating Committee proposed the slate for next year, a vote will be held in April. No new nominations from the floor were added.
2. Kids Run 2 are looking for teachers to volunteer to do the run/walk with the students.

- **New Business:**

1. Budget request was made to give Cultural Arts \$475.00 to pay for the dancers at the International Night. Funds were short due to PARP using funds from their program. Theresa Killian made a motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Coughlin all were in favor.
2. A committee is needed to review and renew the PTA bylaws. It will only be 1 evening to complete this. Dee Lanave volunteered, more people needed.

- **Open Floor:**

1. Lisa Coughlin suggested a new fundraiser next year which would team up with other schools to participate in an adult night out at Patriot Hills in Stony Point. This would be a fund raiser that includes a dinner and show. Lisa will be attending this years show and will report back at April's meeting.
2. District Wellness – New policies will be coming out for celebrations and holiday parties in school, They want to get away from the food aspect and move more towards activity type parties.
3. School Board meeting – Little Tor 5th grade girls opened up the meeting by singing the National Anthem with Mrs. Lundemo.
4. Brief discussion about budget cuts. Mr. Lanave did a great job presenting the budget at the last board meeting and what needed to be done.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted By,

Karen Breslow, acting Recording Secretary