

Little Tor PTA

General Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2009

Meeting called to order @7:10pm by President, Mary Stroud.

In attendance: Executive Board & see attached membership

Agenda: See attached

No Motion to approve minutes from past meeting because this was first meeting of the new school year.

- New PTA President Mary Stroud introduced the New Executive Branch
- PTA Council Meeting was attended by Dee LaNave
 1. Schools will not close due to flu/H1N1
 2. Possible Student Council project: Soldiers overseas will receive Halloween Candy from the students of Little Tor
 3. Possible Pen Pal activity (In the works) with other schools all over the world.
 4. Council is checking into Life-Touch Photo Company due to checks and balances don't match up.
 5. Family Resource Center (FRC) Providing a HW club for students in grades 2-5th. \$65 a session, 2 teachers staying after school to work with students, only a certain number of students, previous registration is a must
- **Funds-Monica Barbato**
 1. Box-Tops-Marni Blotner –chair- relayed message of how much box tops can do for our school. She encourages parents to go on-line and enter contests www.boxtops4education.com
 2. School Clothing-A New line of clothing along with the traditional Little Tor School Spirit clothing are available for purchase.
 3. Fall Fest-October 23rd-Karen Breslow-chair-needs volunteers and donations
 4. Little Tor Vendors Night-November 25th-Chair-Caryen Toren

5. Family Portrait Nights-October 27, 28, 29th-proofs will be available on-line, order what you want, no sitting fee, affordable with different packages. Little Tor pays directly to Phil Costa, photographer, he gives back 20% to the school
 6. New Fundraiser—March 12, 2010-Family Fun Night will be changed to Family Circus Night! A parent-child-friendly hands on circus. In need of a chairperson.
 7. Carousel Cakes chair -Tanisha Mitchell
- **Community-Dee LaNave**
 - New Chairs:
 1. Recess Playground: Amy Vallebuona
 2. Hospitality-Linda Berard
 3. Sunshine Club: Beth Kramer Mazer & Marni Blotner
 4. Membership –underway-forms will be sent out via weekly emails. It was stressed that PTA would like 100% teacher/staff participation.
 5. Chairperson copies: should only be made before or after school. Chairs are responsible for making their own copies and use PTA paper only. If paper supply is low, please email Mary.
 - **Programs, Robin Sokol**
 1. Open Position: Science in a Shoe Box
 2. International Night will be chaired by Linda Hume & Linda Berard
 3. Class Pictures will be on October 2nd.
 4. Classroom Birthday Parties: a healthy snack must be presented with any “sweet” snack. Example: fruit/veggies AND cupcakes
 5. Cultural Arts-Barbara Wilen is looking for an assistant to train to take over next year. October 9th Author’s workshop Angelo DeCesare will come to the first and fourth grade.
 6. After School Enrichment-chair Barbara Wilen-stated that k-2nd grade programs were a huge success. Sadly, 4th & 5th had to be cancelled. Suggestions from the community were more “sports”. Any suggestions or ideas, contact Barbara.

- **Treasurer Cathy Martini**

1. Budget-see attached. Vote: Motion to approve Amy Vallebuona. Second Theresa Killian. Membership voted: budget approved.

- **Principal, Ms An**

1. Ms. Clark teacher Liaison
2. Academics-New report cards, Rubric for criteria, work sessions for parents. "year at a glance" sheets, web resources were disturbed to parents
3. Corresponding with a school in Japan to write letters/pen pals, possibly a web podcast. Presentation on letter writing campaign for students: parents are invited to attend
4. School Song-working with students and music teacher-to have a *Love for Little Tor*.
5. Publishing center-parent volunteer needed. Students need to be given protocol.
6. School Wide Letter Campaign/Mail System-Stamp Design Contest to decorate an school stamp.
7. New Activity-Pep Squad-K-3rd grade. To march in the Memorial Day parade behind the School Band. Girls-batons/pom-poms Boys-Banner carriers/rhythm sticks. Chairs have been chosen, but more parental volunteers needed.
8. Next Year is the 50th Anniversary of LittleTor. Large committee with chairs (one parent & one teacher) needed.

- **Open Floor**

1. Buses-due to the first budget not passing, cuts were made, students are required to pay for busing for field trips. This was not allocated for in the PTA budget, PTA will also not be funding any school trips. Sunshine Committee will help any families with hardships.
2. Schools are evaluating school trips; non educational trip will be cut.
3. Class parents will be chosen within the next two days; the class dues amount will be re-evaluated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Debra Orlando, Recording Secretary

