

Little Tor PTA

General Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2010

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

In attendance: Executive Board & general membership

Agenda: See attached

Motion to approve minutes from past meeting by Amy Vallebuona, seconded by Barbara Wilen. All in favor

- Guest Speakers from Chase Bank-Ms. Ellen Szymkiewicz and Mr. Robert Polanco
- **Budget**
 1. After-school Activities-brought in \$1400.00. Not planning on a spring session. Plans in the works for next year fall/winter activities. Kudos to the “behind the scene girl” Danielle Troia
- **PARP- Amy Vallebuona**
 1. Mystery Readers were a huge successes- both teachers and students enjoyed all the mystery readers
 2. A total of 2416 books were read by students
 3. 94 families came into read to the students, 12 grandparents & 1 pre-school teacher
 4. 4 community readers: E. O’Day, A. Gromack, K. Zebrowski, P. DeGeatano
 5. Two winning classes-Ms. Klick’s 2nd grade class-made Cherry Blossom Lanterns and Ms. Clark’s 5th grade class made banners
 6. Go to Little Tor Web site to complete PARP survey
 7. Cultural Arts-B. Wilen is having traditional Japanese Drummers come to the school for an assembly
 8. Traditional Japanese Tea ceremony will take place with the entire school. Ms. Bini had all students make Tatomi Mats & Tea cups
 9. Amy Vallebuona made a point to thank Ms. Savage for all that she did to make this years PARP-A Ticket to Japan, a HUGE SUCCESS
 10. MS. An spoke of Amy Vallebuona’s role/enthusiasm helped to make this school wide event an AMAZING experience

- **PTA Council Meeting Info**

1. Possibility that School Board meetings will be broadcasted/taped. Discussions and voting will continue
2. Possibility of switching Middle School & High School start time: phone survey will be taken
3. Chili Festival –March 13th-chairperson still needed

- **Funds-Monica Barbato**

1. New Family fun Night-Amazing Grace Circus-interactive stations, large show with participation at the end
2. Chuckie-Cheese Night-Date-T.B.A
3. Little Tor Vendors Night-November 24th-Chair-Caryn Toren. Over 30 vendors were available. A profit of \$732.12
4. School clothing is still available -especially LT Blankets

- **Community-Dee LaNave**

1. Membership –Melissa Holden-135 members
2. Box Tops starts Jan 29th. Please sign up at the web site. Little Tor get \$0.50 for everyone who signs up
3. June 12th-2010 Kids Run 2. Chairperson Katie Ottenheimer, cost \$10 for adult and kids. Included is a tee-shirt & a medal. Possibly looking at a competition for teachers, trophy for the school. An informational packet will go home later

- **Programs, Robin Sokol**

1. International Night needed to be rescheduled due to a conflict. Postponed to March 18th.
2. Variety Show-Feb 26th. Volunteers needed. Chairpersons: Stephanie Spagna & Angela Barry
3. Science in a Shoe Box-Patty Crowley-is off and running
4. Reflections Ceremony was a huge success. Kudos to chairs

5. Cultural Arts-Barbara Wilen chair. Feb 23-26th –Cultural Classes-lesson & crafts with the School Japanese Theme.

- **Principal, Ms An**

1. In the process in looking for grants with the Department of Education to bring in more foreign language programs.
2. Due to the success of PARP-more Japanese instruction is being introduced; k-1 will be getting 9 weeks of Japanese instruction with CHSN students
3. Ms. An is looking forward to kindergarten registration and meeting all the new students coming to Little Tor

- **New Business**

1. Ms. McInerney is requesting \$250.00 from the PTA; she is in need of a desk jet printer cartridges; for bar code and supplies: Motion by B. Wilen; seconded by K. Ottenheimer: Vote: 7 votes approved: 0 votes denied; motion accepted

- **Open Floor**

1. March 16th-Blood Drive
2. Possible fundraiser: Staten Island Yankees: Little Tor Baseball Night. Looking into June 18th date. Tickets are \$12 to \$18; includes all you can eat. Mascot will come to our school, April 9th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Debra Orlando, Recording Secretary

LITTLE TOR PTA AGENDA

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