



Minutes: January 2012 General Meeting

The January 2012 meeting of the Ross Park PTO was held Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at the school library, the President being the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present: President Kari Freye, Secretary Stan Miller, Treasurer Jenny McNeill, Lower El Liaison Patsy Craven, Principal Nate Smith, Tina Burns, Marisol Garcia Linstrom, Barb Miller, Brett Sabourin, Lisa Sabourin, Nancy Susterich.

Absent: Vice President Tia Hildreth.

Treasurer's Report (Jenny)

- Holiday shopping earned a profit of about \$1,600, \$600 more than budgeted.
- The poinsettia sale earned a profit of \$549, \$249 more than budgeted.
- Eight art frames have been sponsored so far, leaving at least six unsponsored. **Stan** will attach the sponsorship flyer to the minutes and encourage teachers to distribute it with their newsletters, and will attach it again to the February newsletter. **Stan** will ask Mrs. Snoeyer for the names of the students whose work is showcased and will include the names in the newsletter.
- The Enchanted Learning license is up for renewal next week. **Stan** will ask teachers along with the minutes to contact Jenny by email if they still use Enchanted Learning; **Jenny** will decide based on responses whether to renew this license.

Committee Updates

- **Parking Safety.** Principal Smith reports that things are going better in the parking lot and congestion is down. The lot will be re-striped but is being monitored to determine the best pattern. Since efforts to make the lot safer began this fall, complaints and concerns have dropped drastically. **Tia** will renew parking safety pledge efforts soon.
- **Walkathon.** Tina Burns and Marisol Garcia Linstrom will co-chair the Walkathon Committee. The committee tentatively plans to meet Monday, Jan. 23, and tentatively plans the walkathon Friday, April 20. The next steps are to get more people involved in the committee, and to inform teachers about the plans.
- **Popcorn.** **Kari** will talk with Kristina Forman to make sure popcorn sale dates are set and that we have sufficient supplies.

Upcoming Events

- The PTO's family fun night at Jumpin' Jupiter is Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Flyers will go home with students in the coming weeks.
- Patsy reports that Norton Pines asked us to return for another family fun night there; we approved and tentatively scheduled it for Friday, Feb. 24.
- Jenny suggests a book drive to help stock school libraries in Muskegon Heights; we approved. **Jenny** will get flyers printed. Principal Smith agrees to have selected Ross Park students help deliver the books.
- A parent asked Jenny about a Lumberjacks night. It's not a fundraiser. Parents and students from Ross Park would get reduced ticket prices, and the group would be announced at the game. The Lumberjacks provide promotional flyers and handle all ticket purchases. **Jenny** will choose a date, tentatively March 9.
- The Mona Shores Education Foundation chili cook-off is Jan. 20. The PTO is not involved but Ross Park will enter a pot of chili.
- We decided not to do a movie night in February.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.