

F.O.R. Kids
Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2015
6:30pm
Meeting held at Random Lake Pizzeria

Attendance: 10

Holly Ternes, Lisa Masslich, Laura Koepp, Jamie Birenbaum, Kim Eberhardt, Mary Kucksdorf, Romy Ayer, Ande Argue, Janice Mitchell, Carrie Rydzewski

Meeting minutes from the last meeting held on January 13 were distributed by Carrie Rydzewski. They were reviewed by the group and approved.

The proposed bylaws were distributed by Carrie Rydzewski. The group agreed to take the proposed bylaws home for review and to bring ideas for changes/suggestions to the March meeting so that they can be discussed and possibly voted on.

A proposed budget was prepared by Kristen Eischen and distributed by Holly Ternes. The group will take it home for review and we will vote on approving the budget at the March meeting.

Valentine Dance – Reported on by Holly Ternes. Overall the dance went very well and was lots of fun. We had 112 kids attend and 27 chaperones. We had plenty of leftover snacks and juice and those leftovers were saved and will be served at the next movie night. We took in \$490 and the cost of the DJ was \$200. A suggestion was made for the next dance to block off the entryway into the cafeteria so that children can be signed in and out to make that safer and a little more organized. It was also suggested to setup multiple sign in/sign out tables and label each table to alphabetize the kids by last name. A couple of high school students came at the end of the dance and volunteered to help with the cleanup.

Science Night – Holly Ternes met with Sandy Mountain to talk about how to run the science night and possible dates. She has a date set of Monday, March 16 from 6pm to 7pm. The week before will be conferences and the 4th grade science fair. Holly requested volunteers to help on Monday after school to get their projects setup on tables to display. A few 4th graders will be asked to demonstrate their projects. Holly asked how we can advertise the need for volunteers. It was suggested that we can put a poster out at the book fair next week asking for volunteers.

Bake Sale – We will have a bake sale table and sell Spiritwear at the March parent/teacher conferences. Holly asked for volunteers to help run the table. Carrie made a sign thanking parents/teachers for their efforts to put up next to a bowl of mints to hand out on our bake sale table.

Spiritwear -- Kim Eberhardt shared with us the orders collected for Spiritwear from Arndt Advertising and indicated that some are on backorder. She also showed us a large catalog of items we can choose from for our next order. We get 20% off the items in the catalog. Holly suggested that we have a Spiritwear committee meeting to review the catalog and choose what items we want to include on our next order form. Kim will send Carrie Rydzewski a date for the committee meeting so it can be advertised.

Box Tops – Janice Mitchell thanked everyone who helped cut and count box tops, we had about 7 volunteers attend, we got all the box tops cut and sorted. She will send in the box tops and we should receive a check in April.

Movie Night – Romy Ayer reported that the next movie night will be on April 10th. Carrie Rydzewski will give Romy the login information to the movie license site so she can select a movie and see what other goodies might be available through our movie license. Romy suggested that kindergarteners not be included in the movie night, they were squirrely and some didn't sit and watch the movie, this was agreed upon. As a group we also agreed that we want to know when any other group is using our movie license.

Spring Events – It was reported by Lisa Masslich that Ann Averill and Dr. Jacobsen are going to help us with the Color Run. Ann will have the track team help setup the markers. Ann will officiate the Color Run. Lisa Masslich talked with Dr. Jacobsen about how we will organize this as a joint fundraiser. Currently considering the event to be held on April 18, but this is still being decided.

Fun Fair – Lisa Masslich and Holly Ternes attended the Oostburg Family Fun Fair. They gathered lots of ideas on how to setup and organize a Fun Fair. The Oostburg Fun Fair was really spread out with different events throughout the building. Ours will be held on May 1st in the Elementary School. We could possibly get a bounce house from the Chip Shoppe Fundraiser, Janice Mitchell will check to see if we could get a bounce house. The Fun Fair will be a carnival style event. Lisa has researched and has lots of ideas and distributed a handout with some details. She will send a form out to each classroom and ask a parent to volunteer from each classroom to run a game. The volunteer could be given a \$10 voucher to spend at the fun fair to thank them for their help. Minimum of 8 or 10 games would be what we would hope for. The classroom volunteer could make up the game, gather supplies, get volunteers, and set it up. Having a parent volunteer from each classroom might help drum up interest in volunteering with the PTO in general. We would sell tickets so no money would be exchanged throughout the event. There would be a prize station so that at the end of the night, kids can turn their tickets in for a prize (similar to Chuck E Cheese). Each prize might be of different values. We also ask for a class theme basket for the silent auction. We could do a student raffle prize as well. We will be selling food in the cafeteria. We could do face painting, tattoos, photo booth, cake walk, karaoke, guessing jars. Lisa will get back to Carrie Rydzewski with a committee meeting date so it can be advertised.

Logo Contest – Lisa Masslich reported on the Logo Contest. The 6, 7, 8 graders in Lindsay Rathke's Art Club designed a FOR Kids logo. She displayed the logos on tables for us to view and vote on. We selected 3 finalists. The group agreed to select the winner instead of having the students vote on the winner. The winning logo was selected, it was designed by Marley Mendez. Lisa will notify Lindsay Rathke of the winner. Kim is going to look at getting a t-shirt made for Marley as her prize. Carrie is going to scan the winning artwork and announce the winner on Facebook.

Request for Funds – We discussed Mr. Holzer's request for field trip money to the Milwaukee Public Museum. His request was for \$250 to help lower the cost of the field trip and make it more affordable for all students. It was agreed to pay \$180, which would approximately reduce the cost of the trip to \$5 per student. It was mentioned that we have not received any requests from the Middle School, Carrie will make sure that the Middle School office has a Request for Funds form.

Homework Club -- Mary Kucksdorf requested help with Homework Club. The Homework Club is for kids who may or may not need some extra help with homework, they try to run it every day after school from 3:40 to 4:30. The teachers volunteer their time to help supervise and assist the kids with their homework. But there is not always a teacher signed up and then Homework Club has to be canceled. Even with one teacher, it is difficult to assist the growing number of students. It was suggested that maybe high school students could help and they could get community service hours. Carrie will put a notice on Facebook to request volunteers.

Holly is having a Jamberry nail party on Tuesday, March 3 at her house at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, or if you want to just place an order let her know. 10% of the proceeds go to FOR Kids!

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
Carrie Rydzewski