

**MINUTES OF  
AVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.T.A., INC.  
OPEN MEETING  
September 11, 2003**

In Attendance:	Debbie Nagy	Michele Benes	Connie O'Neill
	Mr. Wright	Mrs. Meyers	Ann Bogari
	Mrs. Douglas	Mrs. Golden	Dawn Purcell
	Cathy Smyth	Karen Stahl	Stacey Izarek
	Diane Santo	Etta Sortino	Alison Merkt
	Terry Gulick		

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Debbie Nagy, President.

Minutes of the June 19, 2003 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

Correction to ending checkbook balance to due \$.02 error in checkbook

Corrected Checkbook balance as of April 24, 2003:	\$ 6,366.50
Income:	178.51
Expenses:	<u>3,767.38</u>
Checkbook balance as of September 11, 2003:	\$ 2,777.63
(Includes check #1745)	

Correspondence: Thank you card was received from Amy McMillin for her scholarship. Thank you received from Lehigh Valley PBS for the donation made. A letter was received from the Wilson Borough Civic Association along with an entry form for participation in their Annual Halloween parade.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Class Trips/Assemblies: Stacey Izarek reported that she is working on getting everything together for next week. She is getting feedback from the teachers. The fourth grade is looking at trying something new this year as many of the fourth graders seem to have already been to the Crayola Factory.

Read Across America: Stacey stated that year will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Dr. Seuss. She's thinking of holding some contests and considering having students participating in a play.

Communications: Michele Benes had the name of the scholarship recipient added to the scholarship plaque. She has spoken to the Express Chronicle regarding items for press release. If anyone has anything coming up they can forward them. Currently working on a news release regarding box tops.

Holiday Shoppe: Diane Santo has set the tentative date for the holiday shop to be Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to the lack of interest this may change. The items for the holiday shop were already ordered. They are considering having pewter ornaments available for sale of the new Avona School since we offered an ornament of the old Avona School before it was rebuilt.

Hospitality: To date expenses have been \$32.21 for Open meetings as per Cathy Smyth.

Membership: Debbie James not present but Debbie reported that forty parents have joined and seven teachers have joined.

Nite Without Mom: Terry Gulick is the new chairperson. The date scheduled is February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She is getting ideas.

Publicity: Michele Benes has put current information on the bulletin board for the school as well as for the borough including sports and trick-or-treat night and crossing guard openings. A newsletter will be going out. She is looking to add stories about class trips. Teacher highlights and other current events will be included. Planning to produce something the end of September or beginning of October.

Room Mother: There is an opening for a chair or co-chair. Debbie will oversee this committee. The first activity would be the fall festival.

School Spirit: Buffy Allen is not present but the windows look great.

School Store: A schedule will be sent home with students next week. School Store to be held on Wednesdays with alternating grades.

Science Fair: Janet Border not present.

Special Programs: The box top contest ends on September 26<sup>th</sup> per Dawn Purcell. A flier about box tops will go out next week. Dawn is trying to obtain donations. The collection boxes need to be put out into the classrooms. A reminder to put student's names on their bags so that they get credit will be included.

Ways and Means: Fundraiser committee. Debbie Nagy reported that we are selling the Entertainment books. We have sold 5 books so far and collected \$150.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl is waiting for the kits. She will be taking lots of pictures. Teachers are encouraged to borrow the camera to take pictures of special things happening within their classrooms so that we have the pictures for the yearbooks.

Faculty Snacks: Expenses are \$173.91, income is \$98.33.

Book Fair: Book Fair begins on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and continues through September 25<sup>th</sup>. Alison stated that this year's theme is "Hats off to reading". Mr. Wright will have a big yellow hat to wear for the day. September 19<sup>th</sup> will be a Hats on Day at the school. There will be contests for the students and activities for them to do at the Book Fair. Volunteers are needed and Alison passed around the sign-up sheet. Hats will be awarded as prizes to the winners. A book fair tea will also be held for the teachers. Book Fair starts at 7:15 p.m. during Open House night in the school library. The book fair will remain open later than 8 p.m. for parents who did not have the opportunity to browse.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The proposed budget was presented. A few changes were made and the budget will be voted on at next week's meeting.

T-Shirt sale begins September 15<sup>th</sup>. The prices are remaining the same for shirts and sweatshirts. We are eliminating the sweatpants and are adding shorts. Shorts are available in gray with blue or royal blue with the logo in gold. Price is \$8 for children's sizes and \$9 for adult sizes. Ann Bogari looking at embroidered shirts for the Avona staff. Requests for golf shirts and chambray shirts were received.

Dawn Purcell inquired about the icing containers. Michele will add it to the newsletter.

Cathy Smyth attended the School board meeting. PSSA scores are in for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade; however, third grade will not be available until later.

Mr. Wright announced that the school year started out smoothly. The decorations look great and the volunteers ensured that we are off to a good start. He is working on an informative newsletter to send home next week to the students. He will also be working with Michele on the PTA newsletter.

Open House will be running slightly different than last year. A power point presentation will be up on the screen with student's pictures being displayed. An opportunity for all parents to see their child's classroom and what is going on in the classroom will be provided. We are reminded that this is not a conference with the teachers. Food and drinks will be served during the last 20 minutes of Open House.

The computer design web class will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Limited class size to four or five attendees: Debbie Nagy, Michele Benes, Cathy Smyth and Stacey Izarek.

Special thanks to Mr. Wagner for joining our meeting and welcome to the school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Debbie Nagy, President.

Submitted by Ann Bogari

Minutes approved on: \_\_\_\_\_