

**MINUTES OF
AVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.T.A., INC.
OPEN MEETING
October 16, 2003**

In Attendance:	Debbie Nagy	Michele Benes	Connie O'Neill
	Mr. Wright	Ann Bogari	Sheri Cawley
	Dawn Purcell	Mrs. Meyers	Buffy Allen
	Janet Border	Alison Merkt	

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Debbie Nagy, President.

Minutes of the September 18, 2003 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

Checkbook balance as of September 18, 2003:	\$ 3,084.42
Income:	10,260.92
Expenses:	<u>3,623.23</u>
Checkbook balance as of October 16, 2003:	\$ 9,574.11
(Includes check #1759)	

Correspondence: Thank you card was received from Mrs. Panella for all the supplies for the health room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Class Trips/Assemblies: Kindergarten AM and PM are scheduled to go to Kline Farm on 5/17/04 and 5/18/04 respectively. Total cost will be \$150.50 (\$3.50 per student; teachers and adults are free. Mrs. Douglas would also like to revisit the Discovery Science Center this year is possible. First and Second grades are going to the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Allentown to see "The Wizard of Oz" on March 3, 2004. Total cost of the trip is \$552 and a check was sent in for \$276 for a deposit with the remainder due the date of the show. Ticket cost was \$6.9 per ticket, 5 free tickets, 85 seats booked. Can add additional seats up to the date of the show upon availability.

Third grade scheduled for Quiet Valley on March 31, 2004. Cost of trip \$208 (\$4.50 per student, adults are \$7, teachers are free). Money due the date of the trip, no deposit required at this time.

Fourth grade trip still to be determined. Would like the trip to pertain to PA history to fit in with the curriculum. Fifth grade will be going to Mercer Museum. Dates still to be confirmed.

Also scheduled are the trips to the Weller Center, the Shawnee Planetarium for all grades. This year fourth and fifth grades will be going to the Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary. Fourth grade is scheduled for 10/29/03 and fifth grade for 10/30/03. Assemblies are still being planned.

Read Across America: This year we will be celebrating Dr. Suess's 100th birthday. Some ideas for Read Across America: have celebrity reader and/or have guest readers for each grade. Have fifth grade put on a play "The Cat in the Hat". Have a book BINGO in the evening for parents and students with refreshments. Purchase stovetop hats for students to wear and possible t-shirts for the staff. Stacey would like to form a committee to help distribute the tasks needed for the week.

Health and Safety: Mrs. Panella asked if the P.T.A. could purchase some snacks for the health room for sick students. Also looking for donations of new underwear and socks.

Holiday Shoppe: General consensus has been that the Holiday Shoppe should be held for two days. Looking into pewter ornaments of the school to be available to sell at the Holiday shop.

Hospitality: \$81.74 was spent for Open house.

Membership: \$64 more will be deposited. Still some PTA Board members and teachers who have not joined.

Nite Without Mom: Nothing new to report.

Publicity: Michele stated that the newsletter should be out next month.

Room Mother: Purchased \$320 worth of materials from Oriental Trading Co. for fall and winter festival and the last day. Also purchased bingo machine with box tops. There

School Spirit: Pumpkins and leaves on the windows donated by Buffy Allen.

School Store: Opened the beginning of October. \$113 was deposited. There is one helper for each grade.

Science Fair: Janet Border requested a teacher for the science fair. Mr. Wright will help also.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that the box top contest ended. Mrs. Wilson's class was the top collecting class and will receive an ice cream party. Top collector was Brandon Mayberry. Mrs. Wilson will receive a gift certificate to Don Pablo's. Dawn would like to use box tops as money to purchase items at the school store and the holiday shoppe. The next contest ends March 12th. We have 15,428 labels in our account. Teachers/staff can check out the catalog and let Dawn know if there is anything they would like. We will receive a check for \$152 from Redner's save a tape program. We are also now registered for the Tyson A+ program. Need to collect over 100 items in order to redeem. Birthday cards for October were given out to the teachers. Stacey some extra if they need them.

Ways and Means: \$6,877 plus \$622 will be deposited for the entertainment books. Debbie doesn't know the expenses yet. We made \$10 profit on each book sold locally. 262 books were sold.

Yearbook: Nothing new to report.

Faculty Snacks: \$78 was deposited.

Book Fair: Our income was \$3,069.92 plus \$201.14 that was not deposited yet. There was a tea held for the teachers to preview the books and coffee and donuts were available for the parent helpers. Good job Alison!

OLD BUSINESS:

Computer Web class was very informative.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dawn is looking at potential pizza orders as a fundraiser.

There is a bulletin board now being used for district news. Michele Benes has been posting local articles of interest on the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Debbie Nagy, President.

Submitted by Ann Bogari

Minutes approved on: _____