

**MINUTES OF
AVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.T.A., INC.
OPEN MEETING
May 27, 2004**

In Attendance:	Debbie Nagy	Etta Sortino	Connie O'Neill
	Ann Bogari	Debbie James	Mrs. Meyers
	Dawn Purcell	Sheri Cawley	Stacey Izarek
	Michele Benes	Cathy Smyth	Diane Santo
	Janet Border	Terri Gulick	

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 a.m. by Debbie Nagy, President.

Minutes of the April 15, 2004 meeting were corrected as follows: under Ways and Means Entertainment books are usually handed out on a Thursday, not Friday which would be September 2nd.

Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

Checkbook balance as of April 15, 2004:	\$ 10,788.74
Income:	2,903.47
Expenses:	<u>\$ 5,501.49</u>
Checkbook balance as of May 27, 2004: (includes check #1847)	\$ 8,190.72

Correspondence: Thank you was received from the Avona Staff, June Smith, Connie Statile, Stacy Izarek, Jeannie Panella and Anne Kaye. Thank you was also received from Jim and Chris Marsh for Grandparent's Day. Thank you was received from Mrs. Douglas for Grandparent's Day and Kindergarten Orientation. Thank you letters were received from Mrs. Meyer's 1st grade class for the May treat and for the books from the PTA. Thank you letters were received from Mrs. Riehl's class for all the PTA does throughout the year. Thank you cards were received from the 5th grade class in appreciation for everything the PTA does.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Class Trips and Assemblies: Stacy Izarek had nothing new to report. The total spent on class trips and assemblies for the year was \$1632.06 and the budgeted amount was \$2800. The class trips for next year will probably stay the same except for the possibility of 4th grade changing.

Communications: Michele Benes reported that the Crossing Guard and School Bus Driver Breakfast were held on May 26th at 9:30 a.m. at the Avona Elementary Library. Approximately 19 guests attended including Mr. Wagner, Mr. Wright and Michele Benes and Sheri Cawley. The total expenses for food were \$45.67. The Avona P.T.A. had also donated some supplies and food items. Twenty-eight gift certificates for \$10 each were purchased from the Palmer Park Mall. Robin Stump received a 5-yr. Service pin plus a certificate. The Wilson Elementary PTA will reimburse us for half the bill (\$140) and will sponsor the breakfast for the 2004-2005 school year. Michele also reported that Mr. Tarsi is the new principal for Wilson. The next school board meeting will be on June 16th. Bill Smyth requested information be emailed to him for the web site.

Book Fair: Alison Merkt wasn't present to report. \$2,040.78 went towards books. The P.T.A. used the remaining budget from Read Across America to purchase books for students during the book fair totaling \$671.

Health and Safety: Cathy Smyth reported that Mrs. Panella purchased ice packs at \$7.92 for eight.

Holiday Shoppe: Diane Santos , Sheri Cawley and Michele Benes went down to see the items. A brochure was passed around to show what items are available for the Holiday Shoppe. We need to decide whether to go with Keystone or Profits Plus. Profits Plus will give us \$1 to spend for each student. Mr. Wright had no problems with the holiday shoppe being held during recess time. The price range would be from \$1 to \$5 and forms could go home for parents to complete to assist the students in shopping. Profits Plus items are coded. We should ask Keystone if they would match the \$1 per student before deciding.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth reported that \$67.58 was spent on Grandparent's Day. Total expenses for Teacher Appreciation Week were \$491.06. Games, food and prizes were provided throughout the week. Gifts included Blockbuster gift cards, Barnes and Nobles, Pampered Chef, Best Buy, Circuit City, Dollar Tree, Perkins, etc. The theme was "You Brighten Our Days" (All Stars). Donations were received and used as prizes.

Membership: Debbie James had nothing new to report.

Nite Without Mom: Terry Gulick had nothing new to report.

Room Mother: Etta Sortino had nothing new to report.

School Spirit: Nothing new to report.

Read Across America: Nothing new to report.

School Store: Sheri Cawley reported that the year-end sale went well. Fifth grade had first dibs and fourth grade wiped out the inventory. Next year we will add markers. We made \$155.55 profit from the school store.

Science Fair: Janet Border had nothing new to report. Suggested we do Book Fair and Science Fair together again next year as it went over well. Also, we would like to have an assembly before the science fair to get students motivated.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that the final contest ended May 21st and results will be announced this Friday during the assembly. Total collected was \$281.40. This money will be available in the fall. All students who turned in 50 or more box tops will receive a BOG or an achievement award meal from McDonald's. The person who brought in the most will win a gift basket of Crayola products. The class with the most will get an ice cream party and that teacher will get a gift certificate to Applebee's. There were 9 students that turned in more than 300 Box Tops for the year. These students will be invited to a "pizza lunch" with Mr. Wright on June 3rd. Dawn also got free movie passes from Regal Cinema Theatres at the Wal-Mart Plaza on Rt. 248 to give to each of these students. Each student will get a collection bag to use throughout the summer for box tops. Bags were also handed out during Kindergarten registration. The total banked soup label is 27,228. Mrs. Meyers requested globes. Dawn is currently adding up the Redner's tapes. The scheduled Box top contest for the fall is September 24th. Box top pencils will be given out to remind them about collecting. The June and summer birthday cards are in the teacher's mailboxes.

Ways and Means: Nothing new to report.

Yearbook: Yearbooks should be in by tomorrow. The 5th grade signing party is on June 4th. There is \$1200 due to the yearbook company.

Faculty Snacks: \$688 was spent. \$131 was deposited.

Last Day: A juggling family assembly will be held in the afternoon around 1:15 to 2 p.m. Signup sheets for volunteers went home with students for last day. Debbie Nagy spent \$79 on crafts. The PTA is getting together next Wednesday morning again to do the craft and goody bag for the students. Juice was purchased. The theme is Olympics. Eight students will receive the Presidential Award. Other awards will be presented. Jimmy Johns hoagies will be available for lunch and Ritas Ice. Lunch will start regular time at 11 a.m. Students will be with their teachers from 2 to 3 p.m. Dismissal at 3:15 p.m. as usual.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library books will be purchased for Walt Boran, Mrs. Farris, Mr. Wagner and Ms. Goodman. Brianna Principato mother had a heart attack.

NEW BUSINESS:

About 30 students came to the pool party for the two 5th grade classes. Much better attendance compared to last year.

The tentative 2004 – 2005 calendar was distributed.

Recipients of the scholarship are Jennifer Rush and Jordan Purdy. Mr. Wright will be present to hand them out at graduation, which is on June 10th. We are not to announce the recipients until after graduation. Suggested we ask parents if we can post the students names on our Web site.

Mary Etta is checking on plaques to list each year's Presidential Award recipients.

A letter was received from a parent requested that her students computer camp be paid up front for the camp. A vote was taken and majority vote was not to pay for computer camp. Policy is that the student money will be refunded upon completion of the camp.

Liz Hanni, Connie Brackett, Dawn Purcell and Karen Stahl will be our auditing committee for this year.

Budget review sheet was distributed and reviewed. Ending balance is \$3,186.74 including the anticipated expenses remaining for the year.

Mr. Wright discussed some potential goals for next year. He would like to see increased parental involvement in the school. Plans were made to have a monthly family type event to include juggling in the fall with an assembly; PBS Families Program which includes 2 hours a week to run for 4 weeks with babysitting provided; a family game night, Nite Without Mom; Science Fair to include parent-child participation; Discovery Center Assembly for Science Fair; family picnic.

Motion was made by Janet Border and seconded by Diane Santos to book the juggling assembly and to purchase scarves for next fall. All in favor, motion granted. Estimated assembly cost \$1200 and scarf cost \$800.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 29th at 7:00 p.m. as a covered dish.

Officer nominations were made as follows: Cathy Smyth for President, Michele Benes for Vice-President, Connie O'Neill for Treasurer and Janet Border for Secretary. No nominations from the floor were made. Motion was made by Diane Santos and seconded by Dawn Purcell to accept the nominations. All in favor, motion granted. Candle ceremony followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by Debbie Nagy, President.

Submitted by Ann Bogari

Minutes approved on: _____