

Minutes of Avona Elementary School P.T.A., Inc. Open Meeting August 19, 2004

In Attendance: Cathy Smyth Terry Gulick Leslie Ziemba
Mr. Wright Dawn Purcell Alison Merkt
Michele Benes Wendy Harrison
Janet Border Debbie Gryta

Meeting called to order: 7:15 p.m. by Cathy Smyth, President

Approval of meeting minutes: June 29th open meeting minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Checkbook balance as of June 29, 2004:	\$6,660.99
Income:	\$290.50
Expenses:	\$3,088.50
Checkbook balance as of August 19, 2004:	\$3,862.99

President's Report: Cathy explained the folders and what to expect in them every month. Everybody on the executive board will pick up their folder, empty them, and give them to Janet Border by the end of night so they can be filled for next meeting.

Order form was sent around to order PTA t-shirts for anyone interested.

Michele and Cathy attended a leadership training class with PA State PTA President, Carol Ritter. Many incentives were discussed and the corporations who have signed up to offer the PTAs these incentives. Michele attended the Reflections meeting and Cathy attended the Presidents meeting.

All meetings will be open PTA meetings from 7:00 to 8:00 with guest speaker starting at 8:00p. There will be babysitting for five of the meetings provided by Wilson High School Key Club

Cathy made mention that there will be two items to be voted on at September's meeting. The board decided to leave it up to the President's discretion whether to vote oral or written.

First vote, Halloween Harvest Party: whether to have the harvest party at the school during the school day or have it jointly with Wilson Elementary on a Saturday with the kids being able to dress up. We have to choose one or the other, but not both.

Second vote, 5th Grade Swimming Party: At Phillip-Lauer at the cost of \$50.00 or with Wilson Elementary at Meuser Pool with a cost of \$125.00. These items will be voted on at the September 9th meeting for Budget reasons.

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright reported that the "Juggling For Success" assembly will be September 13. There will be an assembly for the students during the day along with a demonstration. In the evening at 6:00p the students can come back for another assembly, admission is a parent, guardian, or grandparent.

A motion was made to purchase zip-lock bags with a zipper seal on them to put the scarves that each child will receive for the juggling program. Alison Merkt made the motion that the PTA purchases the bags for every student, not to exceed \$50.00. Debbie Gryta seconded the motion.

Mr. Wright also reported that the F.A.M.I.L.I.E.S Program for October will be a literacy program and passed around a flyer.

Committee Reports: Class Trips/Assemblies: Stacy Izarek was not present but Cathy Smyth reported. Stacy received an e-mail from a former student about a dance assembly. The field trips for grades 1-3 will remain the same. They are looking for trips for 4-5 grade, anybody with suggestions should let Stacy know. Mr. Wright added the trips have to be a part of the curriculum.

Communications/ Publicity: Michele Benes reported that she sent a newsletter out with upcoming PTA events and PTA news. **Correspondence:** Michelle read the e-mail that the PTA received from a former student who is in a dance company and would like to perform one of their dance presentations's to our students.

Book Fair: Alison Merkt reported that the book fair will be kicked-off on Tuesday, September 21. The theme of the book fair is Read, White and Blue. Family night will be at the open-house on September 20. She will have her Girl Scouts there to read, dress-up as characters and other activities with the children.

Faculty Snacks: Cathy Smyth announced Wendy Harrison and Terry Young as chair/co-chair. She reported that she and Michelle Benes were going to be stocking the machine to start. Wendy will be buying the products while Terry will be stocking the machine. Michele said she would send a survey around to the teachers to see what they would like in the machine. A complete inventory will be kept.

Family Fun Night: Terry Gulick reported that the book bingo will be on November 12. Terry is looking into the prizes and would like to make sure everybody in attendance leaves with a prize. Admission for each student is a parent/guardian

Health and Safety: Cathy Smyth had nothing to report.

Holiday Shop: Diane Santo was not present but Michelle Benes reported that holiday shop will be during recess on December 7 & 8. Also Christmas gifts for the students will be discussed and voted on at the October PTA meeting. Come with ideas.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth reported that the paper products for meetings and parties were very costly and a big part of the PTA budget. She would like to ask parents to donate these products. Cathy proposed that the PTA ask each class to donate a specific product. Mr. Wright gave permission as long as the PTA would have a drop-off point for the items.

Membership: Debra James was not present but Cathy Smyth reported that Debra and her have discussed giving a discount to families who both parent's join the PTA. Instead of 2 memberships @ \$4.00 each, it would be 2 for \$7.00. Debbie Gryta made a motion to offer the 1.00 discount (in which the PTA would lose the 50 cent per person profit) Michelle Benes 2nd the motion, 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba reported that she has ideas and is working on the harvest festival, but she needs to wait to see the outcome of the vote in September with Wilson Borough.

Read Across America: Not Present

School Spirit: Debbie Gryta reported she is going to be decorating the windows for first day of school. She also reported that if anybody has any suggestions of what they would like to see on the windows to let her know. Alison Merkt suggested something patriotic to tie into her theme for book fair.

School Store: Not Present

Science Fair: Not Present

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported the summer box top contests ends September 24. Baggies were sent out at the end of school last year, she will send out a reminder at the beginning of this school year.

Ways and Means: Etta Sortino was not present but Cathy Smyth reported that Etta, Cathy and Michele met with the representative from Entertainment books. The Entertainment book fundraiser kick-off will be on September 2nd. Cathy showed samples of the fall fundraiser brochures. The PTA has to vote whether they want to sell Keystone School Services or Sally Foster. If the PTA goes with Sally Foster they will receive \$12.00 per Entertainment book sold, instead of \$10.00 per book. The entertainment book is selling for \$20.00 this year.

Website: Not Present

Yearbook: Not Present

Old Business: Cathy said a By-Law and Standing Rules committee has to be set up. She needs to get in touch with last year's committee members to see if they are still interested in being on the committee.

New Business: There was no new business

Motion was made by Mr. Wright to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., 2nd by Wendy Harrison.

Submitted by Janet Border

Minutes approved on: September 9, 2004