

Minutes of Avona Elementary School P.T.A., Inc. Open Meeting September 9TH, 2004

Board Members in Attendance:

Cathy Smyth	Terry Young	Karen Stahl
Mr. Wright	Terry Gulick	Ellen Cintron
Michele Benes	Diane Santo	Debbie Gryta
Janet Border	Deborah James	Dawn Purcell
Connie O'neill	Leslie Ziemba	Etta Sortino
Mrs. Meyers	Wendy Harrison	Bill Smyth

Guests:

Odette Alleyne	Doree' Anglemyer
Jess Anglemyer	Toni Hunsicker

Meeting called to order: 7:02 p.m. by Cathy Smyth, President

Approval of meeting minutes: August 19th Executive Board meeting minutes were approved as read

Correspondence: there was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Smyth reported there were no checks written since the last meeting and Connie O'neill will have a treasurers report at the meeting on September 16th. Cathy Smyth also reported that the audit for 2003 – 2004 has been done and everything was fine. A copy of the audit will be sent to Rick Male. Cathy reported that if anybody has cash transactions they must get a cash receipt from Cathy, Michelle, or Connie showing how much cash they are depositing. Anyone who has to purchase items for their committee, the receipts must have written on them what committee, the person's name the check will be written to and the activity things were purchased for.

President's report: Cathy Smyth reported that the PTA packet will go out on Friday. The bags and totes for the Juggling for Success Assembly were purchased. Speakers are being lined up for future meetings. The topic for September's meeting will be "Taking the tears out of homework". Cathy will have flyers from the State PTA on that topic. There will be no speaker for October's meeting. The video voice recorder was voted on and approved via an e-mail and phone vote. DVR was purchased by Janet Border. Funds used: educational and social.

Principal's Report: The open house will be on Monday, September 20, 2004. The open house will start at 7:00p. Everyone is to report to the all purpose room. There will be an introduction, then 2 -15 minute sessions where the parents can visit the classrooms and meet their child's teachers. Book Fair will be in the library from 7:15 to 8:30.

The families program will start in October. It will be on every Thursday. This program is a workshop for parents, presented by the Public Broadcasting Company and the topic will be literacy and how parents can help their children to read better. The benefits for the children include a free book every month and discounts at area vendors.

Monday, September 13, will be the juggling for success assembly. There will be an assembly during the day and then the student's are invited to come back at 6:00 that evening for more juggling and demonstrations.

Committee Reports:

Class Trips/ Assemblies: Stacy Izarek was not present, but sent a report: The first and second grades are going to the State Theater on May 11, 2005, to see the play, Junie B. Jones. The third grade will be going to Quiet Valley on May 11, 2005. Stacy is still looking into trips for the fourth and fifth grades. Stacy booked an assembly for February 8, 2005. The assembly will be a dance performance by the Pa. Dance Vision, Inc.

Communications/Publicity: Michelle Benes reported that while Cathy Smyth was on vacation, Michelle did the banking and filled the snack machine in the faculty room. The PTA will be purchasing candy bars from the Wilson Soccer Association for the snack machine. Michelle also filled the refrigerator with bottles of water. Michelle met with the board members who did not make the August meeting to catch them up on what they missed. Michelle received a letter from the Morning Call on how to get the Morning Call to come to our school for publicity. Cathy distributed it to the committees who would need them.

Book Fair: Alison Merkt was not present but gave the following report to Michelle; The flyer went out last week asking for volunteers to help with book fair. The forms are coming back, but Alison needs more help especially for open house night. Michelle asked if anyone can help to let Alison know. The theme for book fair is Read, White and Blue. Alison is getting things together in the patriotic theme.

Faculty Snacks: Michelle Benes reported that she filled the snack machine in August. Terry Young and Wendy Harrison will be taking faculty snacks over. Michelle and Cathy will be meeting with Terry to show her how to fill the machine.

Family Fun Nights: Terri Gulick reported that she finished the flyer for the book bingo which will be on November 12th. Terri is looking into prizes and parting gifts so that everyone leaves with a prize that night. Cathy Smyth let Terri know that she has a stack of new books that she can also use for prizes. Terri has purchased some things to put in the prize baskets.

Fundraiser: Etta Sortino reported that the entertainment books went out. 62 of the books have been returned, with 1 book sold. The deadline for that fundraiser is September 20. The fundraiser for the fall will be Keystone.

Health and Safety: Cathy Smyth reported that she still needs a chair person for health and safety. Cathy received a letter from the school nurse requesting that the PTA purchases juice, crackers, and other snacks for children who are sick and need something to eat to make them feel better. She also requested new underwear and clothing for children who have accidents during school.

Holiday Shoppe: Diane Santo reported that the Holiday Shoppe will be during school on December 7th with a makeup date for December 8th. Diane will need volunteers for the holiday shop. Diane also needs ideas for Christmas gifts for the students with a budget of \$ 6.00 per student. Diane already has a few ideas, needs more.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth reported that she will need bakers for the Juggling for Success assembly and open house. Debbie Gryta and Ellen Cintron are her co-chairs and will be calling the bakers for those events.

Membership: Deborah James reported that the PTA will be offering a one dollar discount to any household who signs both parents up for the PTA. The membership is \$4.00 or 2 for \$7.00. The state PTA is trying to increase their male memberships. The flyer for membership will be going out Friday.

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba had nothing to report other than working on Harvest Festival.

Read Across America: Not present, nothing to report.

School Spirit: Debbie Gryta reported that she chose two logos for the t-shirt sale. Debbie passed the sheet around and got a vote on what logo the PTA will use. The design costs \$30.00 to be designed. The t-shirts will be offered in white and grey.

School Store: Sheri Cawley was not present, but Cathy Smyth reported that the flyer for school store will be going home soon. School store will start in October.

Science Fair: Leah Wright was not present, but had nothing to report.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that she received a check from Redners for \$163.01. A flyer will be going out on Monday reminding students that the box tops contest will end on September 24th. The class with the most box tops will win an ice cream party.

Web Site: Bill Smyth reported that he will be adding a new web page called back pack express. Bill also handed out a flyer explaining how to send him a document using Microsoft Works.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl reported that she is getting the schedule together for picture day on October 7th. Karen needs volunteers for picture day. Karen also reported that yearbook will start after picture day.

Old Business:

Diane Santo made a motion, second by Karen Stahl to not go in with Wilson Elementary PTA to get a joint Christmas present for the students. All were in favor.

Debbie Gryta made a motion, second by Bill Smyth not to join the Wilson Elementary PTA for their Fall Festival with a cost of \$250.00. All were in favor.

Wilson Elementary PTA also asked the Avona PTA to join them for their outdoor 5th grade swimming party at the cost of \$125.00 compared to Avona's indoor swimming party at \$50.00. Cathy Smyth tabled the vote until she finds out the deadline for use of facility for the Phillip Lauer pool.

Cathy Smyth asked Mr. Wright, Michelle Benes, Etta Sortino, and Janet Border if they still wanted to serve on the By-Laws committee and they all agreed. Cathy will also join the committee. No one else was interested.

New Business:

Cathy Smyth received voter registration cards from the National PTA. Anyone interested in registering to vote should see Cathy Smyth.

Debbie Gryta made a motion, second by Bill Smyth to change the November 18th PTA meeting to December 2nd. Majority in favor, 1 opposed.

Cathy Smyth read the proposed budget for 2004-2005 school year. The budget to be approved September 16th.

Karen Stahl made the motion, 2nd by Debbie Gryta to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.