

AVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA, INC.
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16th, 2004

In Attendance:

Cathy Smyth	Mrs. Meyers	Liz Hanni	Leah Wright
Mr. Wright	Terry Gulick	Karen Stahl	Ellen Cintron
Michele Benes	Alison Merkt	Sheri Cawley	Tammy Harron
Janet Border	Sharon Ann Burns	Etta Sortino	Debbie Gryta
Connie O'Neill	Stacy Izarek	Wendy Harrison	Leslie Ziemba

Guests:

Corinne Marsh, Wendi Dougherty, Jan Raso

Meeting called to order: 7:06 pm by Cathy Smyth, President

Approval of meeting minutes: September 9th meeting minutes were approved as read

Correspondence: A letter from the National PTA congratulating the Avona PTA on winning seven tubs of Grandma Corbi's Cookie Dough. Avona PTA was one of the first five local units in our region to return the increase membership pledge card. Also read was information about "PTA family day with the Philadelphia 76ers." Janet will check into the discount on the prices if bought through the National PTA

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand as of August 19, 2004:	\$3,862.99
Income:	\$694.01
Expenses:	\$1,394.24
Balance on hand including check #1892:	\$3,162.76

President's report: Cathy sent out flyers to 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades about "My Teacher for President" contest. The author of the book will be at Barnes and Nobles book store and will be handing out prizes to the winners. The families program flyers were sent out. The meeting topic for October will be on the new report cards and Mr. Wright will be the speaker. Last years Earth day gladiolas have to be covered and the tops have to be cut off for the winter. Mulch is also needed. It was suggested that Wilson Borough has free mulch. Cathy sent flyers to students to buy juggling scarves for home. Net income will buy extra scarves for new students.

Principal's Report: The school received 12 sets of juggling balls and 3 books from the profits of sales from the program. The families program will be every Thursday in October. PBS39 is the sponsor. The topic of the program is a literacy based program teaching parents how to "Learn how your children learn" and how to teach your children how to read. This program will be opened to the first 20 parents who sign up. Normally the cost is around \$2,000.00. It is free to all schools in the viewing area. There is babysitting for non-school aged kids.

Committee Reports: Class Trips/ Assemblies: Stacy Izarek reported the juggling for success program was a huge success. The assembly for fire prevention week will be Friday, October 8th Wilson Fire Department will be hosting the assembly. They will be presenting the awards for the winning posters. Stacy will be sending a \$100.00 deposit to the PA dance vision for the assembly in February. Stacy is also working on an assembly for science fair. She is looking into class trips for 4th and 5th grades and is open for any suggestions.

Communications/Publicity: Michele reported that the newsletter for September and October will be combined. Anyone that has information for it should have it to her by September 30th.

Book Fair: Alison reported that book fair is set up and ready. She reported that there will be a teacher preview after school this week. Alison needs additional volunteers for the book fair. Mr. Wright will be reading a

proclamation Monday to kick things off. Tuesday will be Red, White and Blue day in honor of “Read, White and Blue” theme. There will also be a contest of guessing the amount of red, white and blue candies for the students during library. The student who guesses the closest amount without going over will win a poster. Teacher or staff member who wins gets the jar of candy to share with the class.

Family Fun Nights: Terri Gulick had nothing to report.

Fundraiser: Etta Sortino reported she 95 entertainment books returned and 24 sold. Michelle asked Etta to call the representative because the web-site to purchase the books was not working.

Health and Safety: Cathy Smyth had nothing to report.

Holiday Shoppe: Diane Santo not present but Michelle Benes reported Diane has a few ideas but needs more for the students Christmas gift with a budget of \$6.00 per student. This will be voted on at October’s meeting.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth reported she purchased food and drink for the juggling assembly and open house.

Membership: Deborah James not present but Cathy Smyth reported 52 parents & 9 faculty memberships so far.

Parent/Student Representative: Liz Hanni had nothing to report

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba had nothing to report.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron reported that she ordered a resource kit for Read Across America.

School Spirit: Debbie Gryta showed the new logo by Schwab and a second choice by Heritage Sales. The board by majority picked the design presented by Schwab.

School Store: Sheri Cawley reported that the flyer for school store price list will be going home soon. School store will start in October. Cart will also be displayed at Open House.

Science Fair: Leah Wright had nothing to report.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that the box tops contest ends September 24th. She also received a flyer about target stores credit card program and will get more information about the program.

Web Site: Bill Smyth was not present, but had nothing to report.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl reported that she has enough volunteers for picture day on October 7th.

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. The 5th grade student’s will vote in January for the pool party. Etta Sortino made the motion to approve the budget, Dawn Purcell 2nd the motion, all were in favor. Cathy Smyth reminded everybody that the November 18th open meeting is changed for December 2nd.

New Business: Information regarding the PTA’s incorporated status will be checked into further.

Liz Hanni made the motion, 2nd by Karen Stahl to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by Janet Border, Secretary on October 11, 2004