

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2004

In Attendance:

Cathy Smyth	Connie O'neill	Teri Young	Etta Sortino
Mr. Wright	Scott Border Sr.	Sheri Cawley	Karen Stahl
Michele Benes	Mrs. Meyers	Wendy Harrison	Stacy Izarek
Janet Border		Debbie Gryta	Tammy Harron

Guests: Toni Johnson, Trudi Wilson

Meeting called to order: 8:02 p.m. by Cathy Smyth, President

Approval of meeting minutes: October's meeting minutes were approved as read

Correspondence: Janet Border read a thank-you from the Medina-Wright family thanking the PTA for their help during the flood. The PTA donated an entertainment book and clothing to the family. Mrs. Golden's second grade class thanked the PTA for their ice cream party for collecting the most box tops.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand as of Oct. 21st, 2004:	\$6,076.54
Income:	\$14,649.45
Expenses:	\$2,352.94
Balance on hand including check #1931:	\$18,373.05

President's report: Attended Future Solutions Meeting for the District. All sportswear was sorted, packed and delivered to all students. I met with Ray from Schwab to discuss the fading of the logo. I took care of the pizza party to end the FAMILIES program. I helped with the district wide open house. I went to Nestle Corporation and picked up the Deerpark Water. I sent out a thank you letter and had it posted on the website. I planned the schedule of volunteers for American Education Week.

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright had nothing to report.

Committee Reports: Class Trips/ Assemblies: Stacy Izarek reported that there will be a hour long evening science assembly on the Principles of Matter by the Discovery Science Center on March 11th at Avona. We are still looking for class trips for fourth and fifth grade. Fourth grade wants to go to Harrisburg and we are looking into transportation. Transportation must be made by a charter bus company. Stacy has contacted several companies about pricing information. Fifth grade teachers are still working on their class trip.

Communications/Publicity: Michelle Benes reported the next newsletter will be going out on December 17th.

Book Fair: Alison Merkt was not present.

Faculty Snacks: Wendy Harrison reported their income was \$292.20 and expenses were \$87.08. Wendy and Teri are open to suggestions from the faculty for what they would like to see in the snack machine.

Family Fun Nights: Terry Gulick was not present but sent a report. Book bingo was held on Friday, Nov. 12th. The budget was \$200.00. Prizes totaled \$164.12. The night also included one 50/50 drawing for a total amount of \$72, of which \$36 came back to the PTA. We had 55 students and four siblings. Every child went home with a parting gift bag. Terry received 10 surveys back and they were all positive.

Fundraiser: Etta Sortino reported the total sales from the Keystone fall fundraiser. Total sales were \$13,605.25 and expenses were \$7,537.02. We had a net profit of \$6,066.23. Mrs. Statler's class was highest sales and was able to adopt an animal from the Philadelphia Zoo. Mrs. Douglas' PM kindergarten class won the dress a pig beauty contest and received \$50 from the Educational Insights catalog. Mrs. Vernarr's first grade class won the pig race and they received \$100 from the Educational Insights catalog.

Health and Safety: Scott Border reported that flyers went home about the mitten tree. Cathy set up the mitten tree and Scott will be taking it down the last week of school, before the Christmas break. I will deliver the mitten and hats to the 3rd Street Alliance before Christmas.

Holiday Shoppe: Michelle Benes reported that the Holiday Shoppe has arrived and the students will be going during their recess. The t-shirts are being made for the students Christmas gifts.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth had nothing to report.

Membership: Debra James was not present.

Parent/Student Representative: Liz Hanni was not present.

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba was not present but reported \$96.33 was spent for Harvest Fest.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron reported she had three programs for Read Across America day. She has decided on the Bubblemania assembly based on the discussion of the board. It will cost \$600.

School Spirit: Debbie Gryta was not present. Sportswear income: \$1335.00 Sportswear expenses:\$1242.21 plus \$10.00 Return for shorts sizing. Total net income: \$82.79

School Store: Sheri Cawley reported that she deposited \$160 from the school store.

Science Fair: Leah Wright was not present.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell was not present, but Cathy Smyth reported that the Campbell soup labels were cut and sent out. The PTA will receive a check from Box Tops for Education after December 15th.

WebSite: Bill Smyth was not present but emailed he had nothing to report.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl reported that she has nothing until after the holidays to report.

Old Business: The fifth grade students will vote in January for their Swim Party. Cathy Smyth will get the by-laws committee together in January.

New Business: Cathy Smyth handed out a flyer on a new way of handling bounced checks. She also reported the cookie dough that the PTA received from the state PTA spoiled due to the nurses refrig not running properly. The PTA executive board Christmas party will be held at Toasty's, Thursday December 16th at 7 PM. A motion was made but Etta Sortino seconded by Karen Stahl to allow Michele Benes to pursue getting a keep sake ornaments for the new Avona.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 PM by Cathy Smyth.

Minutes Submitted by: Janet Border, Secretary on January 20, 2005