

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2005

In Attendance: Mr. Wright Leslie Ziemba Liz Hanni Diane Santo
Cathy Smyth Dawn Purcell Liz Kosemchak Wendi Dougherty Sheri Cawley
Etta Sortino Terry Gulick Leah Wright Toniann Johnson Teri Young
Mrs. Meyers Wendy Harrison Stacy Izarek
Guests: Lisa Virgilio, Jan Raso, Carmela Hallett

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm by Cathy Smyth, President

Approval of meeting minutes: May 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

Correspondence: Thank You from Mrs. Wilson for the book from Book Fair.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand as of June 9th, 2005: \$6545.38
Income: \$2750.51
Expenses: \$7685.82
Balance on hand as of 9/15/05 including check #2080 \$1610.07

President's report: AIM Insurance is sent out, welcome back packets sent out, planners done, folders done, scholarship plaque done and mats done. Ordered all recycle bins for the school from the \$250 reward received last year. Cathy also purchased prizes for Box Tops with that money. There is still some money left on the card.

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright reported Wilson is working with Easton to fill a truck with school supplies and clothes for another school district down south. Avona students raised in excess of \$1,000 on the coin drive. PSSA reports look good and will be going home to the parents soon.

Committee Reports: Class Trips/ Assemblies: Stacy Izarek reported that 3 assemblies have been arranged and some class trips have been booked. She is continuing to schedule the class trips.

Communications/Publicity: Bill Smyth was not present but Cathy reported he is expecting to send out a newsletter the first week in October, so send him the info. August's newsletter was mailed with district mailing.

Book Fair: Fran Zaragoza was not present but Cathy reported that approximately \$2600 was raised compared to \$3900 last year. It all worked ok with open house being the first week of school. Suggestion was made to move the book cases to the back alcove to allow more room for checking out. Six checkers are needed to handle the volume.

Faculty Snacks: Wendy Harrison and Teri Young reported machine was filled and so was the water.

Family Fun Nights: Terry Gulick re reported she is preparing for Book Bingo. She used vouchers from Book Fair to get books as well as purchasing some at Borders. Flyer will be going home in October. Extra movie night was added in December with plans for it to be The Polar Express.

Fundraiser: Etta Sortino reported that the Entertainment books were slow coming back but that is typical. Due date is September 23. Assembly for fall kick off is Friday, October 14th. Through points earned last year from Entertainment Book, the PTA ordered a DVD player for the school and it has been received.

Health and Safety: Scott Border was not present; Cathy reported that food items originally purchased for open house were given to the nurse. The nurse usually puts in a request for food and underwear.

Holiday Shoppe: Toniann Johnson reported she still has to meet with Michele Benes to get the book but will have 3 ideas ready for October's meeting for the student Christmas gift. .

Hospitality: Cathy reported that due to some major allergies and lack of time no food was served for open house. Just water and juice were put out.

Membership: Deborah James not present, Cathy reported that 18 members signed up the night of open house. There will be an ice cream party for all classes with 50% participation or more.

Parent/Student Representative: Nothing to report.

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba reported a separate sign up sheet for each grade level for chaperones will go home. Also, the caller for the Hootenanny is booked.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron was not present, nothing to report

School Spirit: Wendi Dougherty reported she is looking for a book to help with the windows. Cathy reported that the new logo for the sportswear sale will be printed on Royal blue only.

School Store: Sheri Cawley reported the cart is stocked and ready to go. Flyer will go home with prices soon.

Science Fair: Leah Wright had nothing to report.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported the new contest rules as well as the new way to attach the Box Tops. This will help in the counting process and save time trimming. Everyone who sends in Box Tops will have a chance to win instead of it being the highest contributor. There can be a family entry for those with multiple students. With the Campbell's Soup Label program, balls, a pig and sports pack were received for recess. \$75 in Redner's Save-A-Tape program was also received. Dawn provided other ways to get Box Tops such as the Box Top Credit Card and joining the Booster Club. She suggested that if you get the credit card and use it just for groceries, the PTA can earn nearly \$50 just from one family.

Website: Bill Smyth was not present but had nothing to report.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl was not present but had nothing to report.

Old Business: By-laws need to be done by April.

New Business: Motion was made by Stacy Izarek and seconded by Dawn Purcell to vote in the proposed 2005/2006 budget. All were in favor. Need to contact the key club for babysitting. Need to have 5th grade vote on the swimming party again.

Meeting adjourned: 7:53 pm by Cathy Smyth, President.

Minutes approved: Janet Border, Secretary