

# AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

## JANUARY 20, 2005

### **In Attendance:**

Cathy Smyth	Terry Gulick	Karen Stahl	Leah Wright
Mr. Wright	Sheri Cawley	Alison Merkt	Leslie Ziemba
Michele Benes	Etta Sortino	Wendy Harrison	Dawn Purcell
Connie O'neill	Mrs. Meyers	Stacy Izarek	

**Guest:** Toniann Johnson

**Meeting called to order:** 8:17 p.m. by Cathy Smyth, President

**Approval meeting minutes:** December's meeting minutes were approved as read

**Correspondence:** The PTA received a thank-you from project of Easton thanking the PTA for the turkey's and can goods the PTA donated. The PTA received a thank-you from the third street alliance, thanking the PTA for the mittens, hats, etc. the children donated for the mitten tree.

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Balance on hand as of Dec.:	\$18373.05
Income:	\$3632.33
Expenses:	\$12376.52
Balance on hand of Jan. including check #1952	\$9628.86

**President's report:**

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

**Committee Reports: Class Trips/ Assemblies:** Stacy Izarek reported that the fourth grade will be going to Harrisburg May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chaperones would be decided by a lottery, pick of names later this evening. Each class will be taking 4 chaperones. Fifth grade is looking at Philadelphia.

**Communications/Publicity:** Michele Benes reported that she did not get a news letter done for January but she is working on one for February. If anyone has something to put in the newsletter, please let her know.

**Book Fair:** Alison Merkt reported the next book fair will be April 15-22. Alison spoke with scholastic and they informed her that everyone in Pa. is going to be running their buy one get one free sale at the same time, so that availability on the books may be difficult. The theme will be "Read a Great Tale."

**Faculty Snacks:** Wendy Harrison had nothing to report.

**Family Fun Nights:** Terri Gulick reported that 45 families attended family game night. All went very well and the kids thoroughly enjoyed the board game give aways. She is going to order crafts for Nights w/o Mom.

**Fundraiser:** Etta Sortino reported that she is looking at ideas for a fourth fundraiser and possibly an evening of demonstrators?

**Health and Safety:** Scott Border was not present but Cathy Smyth reported that the students donated 68 pairs of mittens, 27 hats, 8 scarves and 1 pair of mitten clips to the Third Street Alliance in Easton.

**Holiday Shoppe:** Michele Benes reported that the t-shirts and markers were given out to each student for Christmas along with a flyer about t-shirt day which will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>; the students will decorate their shirts and wear them to the dance assembly that day. The holiday shop took place on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> all of the students received a dollar to spend at holiday shop. She thanked the Cawley family for their help with setup. Diane and Michele went to the Dollar Store to get more items and replenish the supply. Any unused items were returned back to the Dollar Store for a refund. They had 18 volunteers over the 2 days. Recommendations are to go with KidsGoShopping next year and supplementing with Dollar Store.

**Hospitality:** Cathy Smyth had nothing to report

**Membership:** Debra James was not present but had nothing to report.

**Parent/Student Representative:** Liz Hanni was not present.

**Room Mother:** Leslie Ziemba reported that the total spent for the winter festival was \$85.77. The theme for the last day party will be Hawaiian. If anyone has any ideas for games or any suggestions, let Leslie know.

**Read Across America:** Tammy Harron was not present but Cathy Smyth reported that the Bubblemania presentation will be March 1 at 2:00. pm Students will have the opportunity to buy Casey Carles book Bubbleology for \$10.00 each. The book swap will hopefully kick off this week as well.

**School Spirit:** Debbie Gryta was not present but nothing new to report.

**School Store:** Sheri Cawley reported that the students of the week pencils have been ordered. She also placed another order for supplies. The first session of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders going at the same time seemed to go well. She mentioned it was busy, but very manageable and will continue along with it as planned.

**Science Fair:** Leah Wright had nothing to report

**Special Programs:** Dawn Purcell reported that the PTA received a check from Box Tops for Education for \$678.48. The next contest will end on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Dawn will be sending out a reminder.

**Web Site:** Bill Smyth reported needs fresh information to post. News is getting outdated.

**Yearbook:** Karen Stahl reported that the year book is on sale for \$10.00.

**Old Business:** Fifth grade swimming party will be voted on next week.

**New Business:** Cathy Smyth has been contacted for the third time about the Kids Pics identification tags and will continue to try to make arrangements for id's for the students.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:45pm by Cathy Smyth.

**Minutes approved:** Janet Border, Secretary