

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

February 17th, 2005

In Attendance:

Cathy Smyth	Connie O'Neill	Michele Benes	Tammy Harron	Bill Smyth
Janet Border	Mrs. Meyers	Dawn Purcell	Liz Hanni	

Guest: Toni Ann Johnson

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm by Janet Border, Secretary

Approval of meeting minutes: January's meeting minutes were approved as read.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand as of Jan:	\$9,628.86
Income:	\$630.00
Expenses:	\$1,275.51
Balance on hand in Feb. includes check 1966	\$8,983.35

President's report: Cathy filled out use of facilities for etiquette class & demonstration fundraiser. Cathy attended the year book meeting, superintendents meeting and Entertainment book meeting. Scholarship date is March 31st and coincides with Wilson and Williams Elementary schools. Demonstrator flyer was sent home. \$56 was spent on Little Debbie's snack cakes for Valentines Day treat.

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

Committee Reports: Class Trips/Assemblies: Stacy Izarek was not present, but Janet Border reported that 5th grade was approved for Philadelphia. Chaperone lottery will be Friday morning, February 18th, 9 am in the all purpose room. Kindergarten will be going to Klein Farms. Science assembly will be on March 11th, Stacy will be sending home a flyer.

Communications/Publicity: Michele Benes reported that the newsletter will be going out next week, which is February 21st. She will be emailing committees for their feedback on what they want in the newsletter over the weekend. If anyone is interested in taking over the newsletter, or knows someone who might be interested, please let Michele know so she can get them started on helping her. Bill Smyth volunteered if no one else will do it since he already gets all the information for the website.

Book Fair: Alison Merkt was not present.

Faculty Snacks: Terri Young and Wendy Harrison were not present. A report will be done in March.

Family Fun Nights: Terri Gulick was not present.

Fundraiser: Etta Sortino was not present. Cathy reported that the demonstration flyers were sent out.

Health and Safety: Scott Border had nothing to report.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth reported that Ellen Cintron moved to Palmer Township and Cathy is looking for someone to help her co-chair hospitality.

Holiday Shoppe: Michele Benes reported that holiday gift t-shirts were worn on February 8th during our dance assembly. Students did an awesome job! We gave a t-shirt and fabric markers to a new kindergarten student who started after the assembly. To date, we have 3 boxes of fabric markers, 1 youth small t-shirt, 2 youth mediums, 1 youth large, 3 adult small and one adult extra large with no logo. Expenses totaled \$5. Michele was able to do an iron transfer on one t-shirt to give to a new student prior to the assembly.

Membership: Deborah James was not present but Janet Border reported that the PTA will receive a \$250 gift card to Office Depot from the Pennsylvania State PTA for increasing its membership from last year.

Parent/Student Representative: Liz Hanni had nothing to report.

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba was not present.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron reported that everything was set for the week but there was trouble in getting the books on time due to a change in distribution centers. She is contacting the new distributors to see if she can get them to the school. The students will be reading to each other. 4th will read to 1st and so on. The used book store exchange is set to open that week. A cookie treat will be served after the students read to each other. The theme will be Read Across Avona.

School Spirit: Debbie Gryta was not present.

School Store: Sheri Cawley was not present

Science Fair: Leah Wright was not present

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that the Box Tops reminder memo was sent home last week for the deadline of March 4th. Dawn is not sure yet when the winner of the contest will be announced. She will need about 2 weeks to get everything counted and the rewards ready to be handed out. These box tops will be the last ones the PTA will get cash for this year. Dawn will have one more contest for the end of the year but the PTA will not receive money for them until next school year. The box tops booster club is running a contest giving away 1,000 box tops. You must explore the e-mail sent to you. One of the links automatically enters you in a drawing to win the box tops. A new supply of birthday cards came in from the yearbook company. Dawn would like to ask the teachers to contact her if they do not get cards for everyone in their class, also if they get a card for somebody who is not in their class to please return the card to Stacy.

Website: Bill Smyth had nothing to report.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl was not present. Cathy Smyth reported that there were 107 yearbooks ordered to date.

Old Business: 5th grade swim party results are as follows: 24 to have it at PLMS alone, 18 voted to have it at PLMS with WBES and WES, 5 students voted to have it at Mary Meuser Pool. Cathy will book the PLMS pool for the party. By-Law committee/standing rules have not met yet but will be staying on old business until they do meet. Kids' Pics have been cancelled because of CHIP.

New Business: The PTA needs to form a nominating committee made up of 3-5 volunteers. Liz Hanni said she will be on it. Etiquette classes are a go. The flyer is to go home in March for 1st and 2nd graders. The Wilson High School Key Club is asking for a donation to go to their state convention this spring. Cathy suggested we give them \$100 to be used from education and social development because they supply our babysitting for the PTA meetings. Liz Hanni made a motion and Bill Smyth second, all were in favor to give the club the money. All in attendance voted for The Incredibles for movie night. Janet Border has access to discounted Hershey Park Tickets. She needs to order at least 20 tickets in order to get them for \$22.50 each. If anybody is interested, they need to let her know by March 15th.

Meeting adjourned: 8:13 by Janet Border.

January Minutes approved: Janet Border, Secretary