

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

March 17th, 2005

In Attendance:

Cathy Smyth	Mrs. Myers	Liz Hanni	Dawn Purcell	Scott Border
Janet Border	Mr. Wright	Etta Sortino	Deborah James	Diane Santo
Michele Benes	Alison Merkt	Terry Gulick	Sheri Cawley	
Connie O'Neill	Leah Wright	Leslie Ziembra		

Guests: Toni Johnson, Jan Raso

Meeting called to order: 8:10 pm by Cathy Smyth, President

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

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand as of Feb.17:	\$8,983.35
Income:	\$8,428.00
Expenses:	\$1,766.48
Balance on hand as of March 17 th , including check #1983	\$15,644.87

President's report: Took care of Shop Fest advertising, held demonstrators meeting for Shop Fest, ordered Presidential Award Certificates, worked with Innovative Kids to get Bubbleology Books, Etiquette class flyer, March PTA reminders flyer and March meeting flyer

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright reported that the CHIP program will be May 18th, provided by the Pa. Free Mason's. Packets will be sent home for the parents, the program will be during school hours for students with permission from their parents.

Committee Reports: Class Trips/ Assemblies: Stacy Izarek is working on the 5th grade permission slips and Cathy Smyth is working on the 4th grade slips. There were 19 families at the Discovery Center assembly, Cathy mentioned that they probably will not have that program next year because there was not enough interest and the cost was \$500.00.

Communications/Publicity: Michele Benes reported that the newsletter will be going out soon. Michele purchased gifts for 2 sick students totaling \$35.01.

Book Fair: Alison Merkt was reported that the children will be logging all the books they read and the teachers will be creating chain link tails. The class with the longest tails wins books for their classroom. Also, Scholastic did bring in their donation of books for our library for hosting book fair chairpersons meeting at Avona.

Faculty Snacks: Wendy Harrison reported that the total income for the year, so far is \$123.37.

Family Fun Nights: Terry Gulick reported that Night without Mom was held on Tuesday, Feb.8th. Terry spent \$230.91, coming under budget by \$69.09. 65 students rsvp'd and 68 students and 3 siblings showed up. There was a suggestion that next year they hand the students a coloring bag as they come in. There should have been about 25-30 bags left but ran out instead. All of the crafts that Terry ordered and almost all of the crafts left over from previous years were used. The night went well; the students seemed to really enjoy the crafts. Family skate night will be held on Tuesday, April 12. The movie for movie night will be The Incredibles.

Fundraiser: Etta Sortino reported that Chocolates on Broadway was delivered on Tuesday, March 17. Total sales from the fundraiser were \$7148.00, expenses, \$4375.34, with a net income of \$2772.66. Shop Fest will be April 1, 2005. Advertising will be in the Morning Call, Express Times, RCN and Service Electric. 10 vendors signed up so far.

Health and Safety: Scott Border had nothing to report.

Holiday Shoppe: Dianne Santo had nothing to report.

Hospitality: Cathy Smyth had nothing to report.

Membership: Debra James reported that the \$250.00 gift card for office depot has not been sent to us yet.

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

Room Mother: Leslie Ziemba reported that the President's Awards have been ordered. Rita's has been contacted for list of Italian ice flavors. Leslie spent \$46.29 on the grass skirt and lei's for last day.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron was not present but Cathy reported the used book store went well, every student received a book. The Bubblemania books should be here in about 2 weeks.

School Spirit: Debbie Gryta was not present, but Cathy reported that the autograph papers were sent out for the fifth grade t-shirts.

School Store: Sheri Cawley spent \$50.88 at the dollar store for school store.

Science Fair: Leah Wright reported that the science fair packets were handed out on March 7th. Leah is working with the teachers to get ideas for interactive ideas for the hands on projects.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that

Web Site: Cathy Smyth reported that the Shop Fest information is on the website.

Yearbook: Karen Stahl was not present

Old Business: The nominating committee will be made up of three board members: Etta Sortino, Liz Hanni and Deborah James. The CHIP program will be May 18th.

New Business: There will not be a school-wide field day this year. Dawn Purcell made a motion to move the money spent on field day over to fifth grade field day to help feed the volunteers for the fifth grade field day. Etta Sortino seconded the motion. All were in favor. Pricing info for outside door mats have not been received yet. Cathy received a flier for a free bench from Giant and Martin food store made of recycled plastic and sawdust and is looking into it. The Earth day projects for the students will be a strip of flower roll. Diane Santo made a motion to spend no more than \$150 for the flower mats. Sheri Cawley seconded the motion. All were in favor but one opposed. Michele and Mr. Wright will talk about the Earth Day program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM by Cathy Smyth, President.

Minutes approved by Janet Border, Secretary