

# AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2005

## In Attendance:

Cathy Smyth	Mrs. Meyers	Terry Gulick	Wendy Harrison	Karen Stahl	Sheri Cawley
Janet Border	Mr. Wright	Bill Smyth	Dawn Purcell	Liz Hanni	Guest:
Connie O'neill	Alison Merkt	Diane Santo	Leslie Ziembra	Stacy Izarek	Jan Raso

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05p.m by Cathy Smyth, President

**Approval of meeting minutes:** March 17<sup>th</sup>'s meeting minutes were approved as read

**Correspondence:** None

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Balance on hand as of March 17:	\$15,644.27
	Income:	\$4,610.17
	Expenses:	\$7,979.72
	Balance on hand as of April 21, including check # 2006:	\$12,274.72

\* There was a correction to balance on hand for March, check #1971 was for \$75.60, not \$75.00

**President's report:** Cathy reported that she purchased recess equipment for \$91.52. She took care of the Skating Party flyers, picked up scholarship applications, followed up with the etiquette classes, took care of the Bubbleology refund and arranged for helpers for Kindergarten registration.

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

**Committee Reports: Class Trips/ Assemblies:** Stacy Isarek reported that the permission slips for 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Harrisburg would be going out soon. All arrangements have been made and working on 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Communications/Publicity:** Michele was not present; Cathy reported that thank-you notes were received from Mrs. Wilson's class for approving the Philly trip. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade also sent thank-you notes for their free books.

**Book Fair:** Alison reported that the book fair is this week. Family Night will be Friday. The reading contest was won by Ms. Lipskin's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, over 250 books read. They received books for their classroom.

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

**Family Fun Nights:** Terry Gulick was not present but Cathy Smyth reported that family skate night went well, with 60 families participating. Family movie night will be Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>; Etta will be getting the popcorn machine for that night. The Incredibles will be the movie showing.

**Fundraiser:** Etta Sortino was not present; Cathy Smyth reported that the profit for shopfest was \$1,071.07.

**Health and Safety:** Scott Border was not present.

**Holiday Shoppe:** Diane Santo was not present; Cathy reported that Diane, Toni and Michele Benes attended a luncheon for Profit Plus to see their gifts for holiday shoppe for next year. Kim at Profits Plus will give the school a dollar a student again this year. Diane, Alison, and Michele also attended a luncheon by Keystone School Services to also review products for holiday shoppe, along with seeing their fall fund raising items.

**Hospitality:** Cathy reported that she needs people to sign-up to cook for teacher appreciation week.

**Membership:** Debra James was not present; Cathy Smyth reported that the PTA received the \$250.00 gift card for office depot they were expecting for largest percent increase in membership in our district.

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

**Read Across America:** Tammy Harron was not present, Cathy Smyth reported that each student received a free book at book fair and the total cost to the PTA was \$490.84.

**Room Mother:** Leslie Ziemba reported that she only had 1 parent sign up for chaperone for Kline Farms, she needs 2 more. The Rita's Italian ice flavors for last day are not decided yet. The Presidential certificates are in; Mr. Wright is working on who is eligible to receive them. Parent will be traveling with their child's class.

**School Spirit:** Debbie Gryta was not present; Cathy Smyth reported that the t-shirts are in for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**School Store:** Sheri Cawley reported that she deposited \$70.00.

**Science Fair:** Leah Wright was not present; Mr. Wright reported that Leah is ready for the science fair. Leah will be setting up the science fair after 3:30, if any one can help with the set up.

**Special Programs:** Dawn Purcell reported that the most recent contest ended on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The box tops had to be sent in by March 31 to be included in the final check. The check will be issued on May 15 and sent directly to the school. Dawn went to Weis to see if they would give her 265 letters and get enough collection boxes w/ 20 bonus box tops to give to all of our students. They gave her all that they had, (15). Dawn is going to check with other area Weis Markets. Account balance for Campbell soup labels is 16,228. Dawn will be sending more in by the end of the year, anyone interested in taking them home to cut, please let Dawn know. Dawn ordered 2 new collection bins for 100 labels each. The teachers are encouraged to go to the web site and see if there is anything they would like Dawn to order. Anyone who has Redners tapes please send them in.

**Web Site:** Bill Smyth had nothing to report.

**Yearbook:** Karen Stahl reported that the year book was completed and mailed on April 9<sup>th</sup>. A deposit of \$794.88 was also sent. The approximate cost of the yearbook is \$9.06 for 52 pages. There will be a one time fee of \$20.00 for back cover art work. Total yearbooks ordered were 185. Number of yearbooks ordered by students/staff were 120 plus 5<sup>th</sup> gr. Net income from business patrons = \$650.00. Karen should have 15 to 20 extra yearbooks, selling them on a first come/first serve basis.

**Old Business:** **A.** The CHIP program needs volunteers to help get the students down to the program. **B.** The welcome mats for all 3 doors will cost \$2,583.36. The PTA has \$4,605.14 left from the budget. If the mats are purchased, the PTA will still have \$2,000.00 to start next year. Cathy has some preliminary drawings for the mats and will give them to Mr. Wright for Buildings and Grounds. The mats measure 6Wx8L. Stacy Izarek made a motion, second by Karen Stahl to spend \$2,583.36 to purchase the mats for all 3 doors, all in favor. **C.** The free bench from U.S. Municipal Supply Inc. runs from the pick of a hat, the school is on the list, however our school has not been picked yet. We have been on the list for at least 5 years. The bench could be purchased for about \$450.00. Etiquette class was a success. Parents seemed very pleased with the program. Mrs. Myers suggested that next year there needs to be a little bit more time. **D.** The instant flower garden mats will be given out on earth day with instructions on planting. Charles Chrin donated seedling trees for every student.

**New Business:** **A.** The PTA will be giving out 2 - \$500.00 scholarships. Mr. Wright will present the scholarship at graduation. The other scholarship is going to a past student who now lives in another state, but went to Avona her entire elementary years. **B.** The PTA was going to have a volunteer pizza party for those who volunteered in the school 3 times this year; however the only parents who volunteered 3 times are all board members, so Cathy suggested that the PTA keeps that \$200.00 to use for something else for the students. Dawn Purcell made a motion, second by Stacy Izarek to not have the pizza party, all were in favor. **C.** The pm. kindergarten has to make up 4 days; Mr. Wright would like the PTA to pay for the am. Kindergarten lunch, so that the kindergarten student can experience the lunch line for next year. The district will pay for the pm lunches Dawn Purcell made a motion, second by Wendy Harrison to spend no more than \$50.00 on lunches for the am. Kindergarten class, all were in favor.

**The nominating committee** read the slate of officers for 2005-2006: President, Cathy Smyth; Vice President, Etta Sortino; Treasurer, Connie O'Neill; Secretary, Janet Border. The slate of officers stands as read.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:49 PM by Cathy Smyth, President.

**Minutes approved:** Janet Border, Secretary