

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2006

In Attendance: Toniann Johnson Liz Hanni Leah Wright Wendy Fischer
Gabriela Martinez Corinne Marsh Liz Kozemchak Carmella Hallett
Wendi Dougherty Robin Harrison Chris Sanunito Joe Sanunito
Angela Hooper Jan Raso Aida Rodriguez Mrs. Meyers
Mr. Wright Penny Ferency Deborah James Regina Abomila
Michelle Kraemer Dawn Purcell Stacy Izarek Steve Izarek
Terri Gulick

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm by Toniann Johnson, President

Approval of meeting minutes: May 25, 2006 meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Dawn Purcell, seconded by Mrs. Meyers.

Correspondence: Toni Johnson passed the correspondence around for everybody to read. Included were thank you notes from scholarship recipients Elizabeth Border and Kaitlin McCoale, and a few thank you notes from June Smith, teachers and students.

Treasurer's Report:	Balance on hand as of June 2006	\$4,960.41
	Income	\$3,217.25
	Expenses	\$4,070.55
	Balance on hand as of Sept. 14, 2006 including Check #2233	\$4,107.11

President's Report: Toni reported that only 2 children attended computer camp. We have money budgeted for 10 children. Children must attend all five days of camp to get reimbursed. The Basket Bingo had a net income of \$1,940.24. Welcome packets with volunteer forms went home with the children. Any volunteers would be appreciated.

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright reported that the Avona previously read book club will be starting on Wednesday, September 20, and every child will get a book on the first day. It will be held once a month from 9 to 10 am. He is looking for volunteers to help with the book swap. Also, a letter will be going home next week to tell parents about a new policy for after school. Once students are dismissed and the doors are closed, they cannot go back into the building. If students forget homework, they should call a classmate to get the homework. This is for safety reasons and for students to learn responsibility.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair: Michelle Kraemer reported that the fall book fair had a profit of approximately \$700.00.

Communications/Web Site: Bill Smyth was not present.

Class Trips & Assemblies: Stacy Izarek reported that she is scheduling assemblies. There will be a Weller Center assembly in September, Fire Prevention in October, Officer Phil in November, and the Hampstead Players will present The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe in December. The class trips have been scheduled. 1st and 2nd grades will see Alexander and the Horrible, Terrible, No Good Day on May 25th at Parkland High School. 3rd grade will go to Quiet Valley on April 18th. The 4th grade trip to Harrisburg and the 5th grade trip to Philadelphia are in the process of being scheduled. Parents will be needed to help with coordinating the 4th & 5th grade trips, and to chaperone. Chaperones must have clearances to go on the trips. Stacy reminded parents that the fundraisers make these trips possible.

Faculty Snacks: Wendy Harrison reported that the snack machine has been filled. She is open to suggestions as to what the teachers would like.

Family Fun Nights: Terri Gulick reported that the Book Bingo will be held on Friday, November 10th.

Fundraising: Liz Kozemchak reported that the Entertainment Book sale has 7 orders so far and is due on Monday. We will be selling Keystone and jewelry this fall and Chocolates on Broadway in the spring. We are also planning another Shop fest and Basket Bingo for the spring.

Health & Safety: This committee is in need of a chairperson to schedule possible health/safety related assemblies and to assist the school nurse in purchasing clothing to keep on hand in the office.

Holiday Shoppe: Teri Young was not present. Toni Johnson reported that a contract has been signed with a new company for this year. The contract states that we will not sell items from anywhere else. We will **not** be able to sell items from the dollar store. We will request that the company give us large quantities of lower priced items. Items will be marked with a sticker to show that it is the last item and should not be sold. We will take orders for any item that has sold out that a child wishes to purchase.

Hospitality: Lee Midtgard was not present and there is nothing to report.

Membership: Deborah James reported that we have 79 members so far. October 20th is the deadline for the ice cream party contest.

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

Room Mother: Leah Wright reported that the Last Day went very well and we will do a similar theme this year. We will need volunteers to help with the Harvest Festival.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron was not present. She is looking for a person to co-chair this committee with her.

School Spirit: Toni Johnson reported that we will be keeping the same Avona T-shirt design for the September 25th sale. We will be selling T-shirts, shorts and sweatpants. We may look into adding additional items in the future. Wendi Dougherty reported that she is working on the windows and is open to the possibility of having another after school craft club this year.

School Store: Wendy Fischer reported that the book sox sale went very well and they sold \$74.50 worth of book sox. School store will start in October and will be held the 1st Tuesday and Thursday of each month from 8:45 to 9:00 and can always use volunteers.

Science Fair: Nothing to report.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that a notice went home reminding all about the BoxTops contest which ends on Friday, October 13. Send entries in with 25 box tops on each paper. There will be another contest in February. Everyone should join Boxtops online at www.boxtops4education.com. We also save Campbell's soup UPC's, Redner's Save-a-Tape receipts and Tyson A+ labels. Table at open house went well.

Yearbook: Jan Raso reported that she has contacted Christmas City Studios and is waiting for a packet from them

Old Business: Mr. Wright reported that the Agricultural Bus will be at Avona from April 23 – April 27 and the cost was covered by Federal Funds.

New Business: Stacy Izarek reported that she is looking into the possibility of having a school directory to have student information listed so that parents will be able to contact others for homework, party invitations, etc. Additional information such as PTA information, Emergency Information for inclement weather procedures, etc. can also be included in the directory. Carmella Hallett agreed to chair this committee. A flyer will go home, and participation is optional. There will be a deadline for the form to be returned. If the form is not returned by the deadline, the students information would not be included in the directory. Information will be updated each year unless there is a new student. There will possibly be a contest to decide a name for the directory.

Toni Johnson reviewed the 2006-07 budget. The budget was approved. Motion made by Stacy Izarek, seconded by Carmella Hallett.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 by Toniann Johnson, President

Minutes Approved: Liz Hanni, Secretary