

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2006

In Attendance: Toniann Johnson Liz Hanni Mr. Wright Jan Raso
Wendy Fischer Corinne Marsh Liz Kozemchak Carmela Hallett
Lisa Quinn Mrs. Meyers Wendy Harrison

Meeting called to order: 7:20 pm by Toniann Johnson, President

Approval of meeting minutes: October 12, 2006 meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Carmela Hallett, seconded by Liz Kozemchak.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report:	Balance on hand as of October 12, 2006	\$8,781.54
	Income	\$1,514.16
	Expenses	\$2,989.43
	Balance on hand as of November 9, 2006 including Check #2244	\$7,306.27

President's Report: Toni reported that she had a meeting with Mr. Wagner and the other elementary school PTA presidents. They discussed the Alert letter that went home with information about school closings, snow days, and early dismissals. Parents can sign up to get email alerts as another way to be aware of early closings. The school district is no longer using Call Infotel. They are putting together a plan for the Avian Flu in the event of an epidemic. Alert drills are in place at all schools.

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright reported that the Department of Health is preparing a system throughout the country to have a plan in place in the event of an Avian Flu epidemic. This is just a precaution. Our school has red and green alert drills once or twice a year, which have been very successful. Red alert is for intruders, green alert is for bomb scares, and there are other drills in place for other possible situations.

American Education Week will be held next week. Volunteers will be greeting guests, and giving directions. Conferences will be on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening.

Corinne Marsh has agreed to be the previously owned bookstore coordinator.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair: Michelle Kraemer was not present and there is nothing to report.

Communications/Web Site: Carmela Hallett reported that she is making progress on the school directory, which will have a card stock cover with the pages stapled. A change of

information form will be included in the booklet. A revised edition of the PTA/Teacher directory will also be included.

The Avona Newsletter is in the works and “news” is needed as soon as possible.

Class Trips & Assemblies: Stacy Izarek was not present. The Officer Phil assembly was held on November 9th. An assembly on Internet safety will be held sometime after the New Year.

Faculty Snacks: Wendy Harrison is open to suggestions as to what the teachers would like and a suggestion box will be attached to the machine.

Family Fun Nights: Terri Gulick was not present. Book Bingo will be held on Friday, November 10th. Movie Night will be held on December 15. The movie will be “Cars”.

Fundraising: Liz Kozemchak reported that Keystone sales were \$9,378. Last years sales were \$13,372. The profit has not yet been figured. Top sellers will be able to choose a prize. The pig races will be held on December 11. Suggestions for future fundraisers were discussed, and it was decided to wait to see how much money is needed to meet the budget before deciding on any additional fundraisers.

Health & Safety: Wendi Dougherty was not present. The nurse needs to replenish clothing and supplies.

Holiday Shoppe: Teri Young was not present. Toni Johnson reported that letters will be going home with the schedule and she has several volunteers. Holiday gifts need to be purchased for the children. She is looking into the possibility of a Crayola gift.

Hospitality: Corinne Marsh had nothing to report.

Membership: Deborah James was not present. Toni Johnson read the class participation percentages. Mrs. Skrobak’s class was the only class with over 50% participation and they had an ice cream party.

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

Room Mother: Leah Wright was not present. Toni Johnson reported that the Harvest Festival went well. A suggestion was made to have more supervision in the halls for future festivals.

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 had nothing to report.

School Store: Wendy Fischer reported that everything is going well.

Science Fair: Nothing to report.

Special Programs: Toni Johnson read a report from Dawn Purcell reporting that \$542.10 was collected in the Fall Box Top Contest. Mrs. Skrobak's class reached their classroom goal and received an ice cream party. Remember to shop online at www.boxtops4education.com. Continue to send in Campbell's soup labels, which are used to purchase recess equipment. Redner's Save-A-Tapes and Tyson A+ labels are also still being collected.

Yearbook: Jan Raso reported that picture re-takes will be held on November 21.

Old Business: Toni reported that Scrapbooking night did not have a good turnout possibly due to other events that were going on that night.

New Business: Toni reported that we need a vote to purchase a book for the library for up to \$25.00 in memory Michael Long, Tootie Long's husband. Liz Hanni made a motion, which was seconded by Jan Raso. Motion passed.

Tentative After School Programs:

Walking Club (5th Grade)

PSSA Math Review (5th Grade)

Math 24 (Grades 3 – 5)

Math Games (Grades 1, 2 and 5)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 by Toniann Johnson, President

Minutes Approved: Liz Hanni, Secretary