

AVONA PTA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2007

In Attendance: Toniann Johnson Liz Hanni Mr. Wright Jan Raso
Wendi Dougherty Carmela Hallett Mrs. Meyers Wendy Harrison
Dawn Purcell Connie O'Neill Terry Gulick Wendy Fischer
Corinne Marsh Tammy Harron Stacy Izarek Leah Wright
Guest: Chris Shatto

Meeting called to order: 7:08 pm by Toniann Johnson, President

Approval of meeting minutes: February 8th meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Stacy Izarek, seconded by Carmela Hallett.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report:	Balance on hand as of February 8, 2006	\$ 9,552.07
	Income	\$ 1,647.61
	Expenses	\$ 728.22
	Balance on hand as of March 8, 2007 including Check #2291	\$10,471.46

President's Report: Toni reported that the PTA presidents met with Mr. Wagner and one of the things they discussed is that the district is changing the homework policy. Homework is given to review, preview, and enrich. The new policy will not focus on giving a specific amount of time that should be spent on homework. Due to differences in children's abilities, some children take longer than others to do the same homework. A survey will be going to parents to see what areas parents need help with when trying to help their children with homework. Also, the school district is looking into putting an addition onto PLMS. 5th grade is expected to remain in the elementary schools at this point. The Internet Safety presentation will be held at PLMS if anyone is interested in attending. Interviews for the new principal will be held next Wednesday. The candidate should be chosen by April, and must then be approved by the school board. He or she will likely begin after this school year has ended.

Principal's Report: Mr. Wright reported that Mrs. Kaye will be doing a 2nd Step presentation, which is an anti-violence, anti-bullying presentation, at the May 10th meeting. PSSA assessments will be next week, Monday through Friday. Children should get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and do their best on the tests, but not be stressed. The district has created an assessment test for the 2nd grade in place of the Terra Nova to find strengths and weaknesses that need to be addressed for the following year. There will be early dismissal next week for the test days. Early dismissal is being reconsidered for next year, and feedback is welcome. Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Kaye and Mrs. Schimmel are retiring at the end of this year. Any feedback on the Internet Safety presentation can be emailed to Mr. Wright.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair: Michelle Kraemer was not present. Toni reported that book fair will be held on April 24th and 25th. All books will be 25% off.

Communications/Web Site: Carmela Hallett reported that the school directory will be printed and sent home as soon as it is done. She is still looking for news for the newsletter. Any news is to go to Carmelahallett@yahoo.com

Class Trips & Assemblies: Stacy Izarek reported that the Agricultural Education Lab will be coming in April. The teachers will be meeting with Lab Instructors next week. A bike safety assembly by AAA will be held on March 30. 1st and 2nd grades will be going to see a play at Parkland High School. 3rd grade will be going to Quiet Valley. 4th grade will be going to Harrisburg. Stacy is waiting to hear from Klein Farm for the kindergarten trip. 5th grade is going to Philadelphia. Due to booking restrictions, we are unable to visit Independence Hall. We will possibly spend the entire day in the Franklin Institute. Stacy will check with the teachers for their input.

Faculty Snacks: Wendy Harrison had nothing to report.

Family Fun Nights: Terry Gulick reported that Movie Night will be on Friday, March 16th. The movie will be Open Season.

Fundraising: Toni reported that the Chocolates on Broadway sales were \$10,444 for a profit of roughly \$3969. Shopfest will be held on April 13th. The Basket Bingo will be held May 20th at the Easton Eagles.

Health & Safety: Wendi Dougherty reported that she purchased socks, sweat pants and underwear, which was needed for the nurse's office. Ice packs are still needed.

Holiday Shoppe: Toni Johnson reported that we are still considering holding Holiday Shoppe at night so that parents can have some control over what their children purchase. We will need the new principal's input before a decision can be made.

Hospitality: Corinne Marsh reported that she needs ideas for teacher appreciation week in May. We will have a one-day luncheon.

Membership: Deborah James was not present and there was nothing to report.

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

Room Mother: Leah Wright reported that the kite demonstration assembly for Last Day would cost \$3.50 per child. The other possibility is a bicycle stunt team.

Read Across America: Tammy Harron reported that Read Across America was held on Friday, March 2nd. Read across Avona buddy reading was held in the morning, and Read at the

Avona Beach was held in the afternoon. Author Ray Negron will be here on March 29th. He is a no fee speaker who has written a book called "The Boy of Steel". There will be a book pre-order for \$13. Ray will speak for 30 minutes and then sign books for the children individually. All proceeds go to cancer research. The PTA will purchase a copy of the book for each classroom and some for the library, and make a donation to the NY Yankees cancer research fund.

School Spirit: Toni Johnson reported that she is beginning to work on getting the signatures for the 5th grade T-shirts.

School Store: Wendy Fischer had nothing to report.

Science Fair: Science fair will be held on April 26th. Information packets will be going out to students. Participation in the science fair will not be mandatory school wide, however it is up to each individual teacher.

Special Programs: Dawn Purcell reported that \$459.20 of Box Tops were collected and submitted to General Mills from the most recent contest. The winner of the prize basket will be selected at the assembly on March 9th. Mr. Schneck's class met their boxtops goal and is eligible for an ice cream party. There will be one last contest before the end of the year. 6,523 Campbell's labels points are banked. Redner's Save-A-Tapes and Tyson A+ labels are also still being collected.

Yearbook: Jan Raso reported that the yearbook is going very well. She received 4 entries for the yearbook cover. A vote will be taken to choose a winner.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: The nominating committee will be Carmela Hallett, Corinne Marsh and Wendy Fischer. The position of Treasurer is open for next year. Open Committees are Holiday Shoppe, Membership, and Windows. Read Across America and Class Trips and Assemblies are in need of a Co-chair.

Toni asked for a motion that we donate books to the library in memory of Jessica Irizarry and Shea Picht. A book will also be sent to their families. A motion was made by Corinne Marsh and seconded by Jan Raso. All were in favor.

Tammy Harron will be the teacher representative when Mrs. Meyers retires.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 by Toniann Johnson, President

Minutes Approved: Liz Hanni, Secretary