

## **Margaret Black Elementary PTO Meeting November 10, 2009**

Kristine Grabowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting were Kristine Grabowski, President; Nicole Bonucchi, Vice President; Emily Hughes, Secretary; Carrie Wyffels, Treasurer; Mrs. Caruso, Principal and Teacher representative Ms. Trombley and Mrs. Olshove

Parents present were: Kim Mercier, Colleen Beattie, Connie Cleary, Conni Ring, Jen Terry, Cliff Terry and Dave Grabowski.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report for October was presented
  - Motion to approve treasurer's report: Kim Mercier
  - Seconded: Jen Terry
  - Motion passed

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Secretary's report for October was reviewed
  - Motion to approve: Kim Mercier
  - Seconded: Cliff Terry
  - Motion passed

### **Principal's Report:**

- Thanked PTO for 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp. PTO's help allowed some kids to go that may not have otherwise been able to. They had a blast.
- Dr. Livernois is planning field trips to Lansing so that the legislature understands the needs of public education. Warren Consolidated Schools have to cut \$8.4 million. They are meeting on Thursday at 7am and return at 2. They should arrive home at 4pm. They are looking for parents to rally.
- There are links on the school district website to contact representatives.
- Thanks for voting! The bond passed.
- We are a love and logic school and there is a free class at Siersma Elementary and free babysitting. Handouts available in the office.
- We have started a "Quiet Lunch", the Director of Food Services found another district in California that does this same program and is very successful. The first 10 minutes of lunch is quiet and then they are allowed to talk with their friends. This allows them the time to eat.

### **Teachers' Representative: Ms. Trombley and Mrs. Olshove (1<sup>st</sup> grade)**

- Thank you for the fun run. One suggestion for next year is more liquids because the kids were thirsty, depending on where they were coming from (ie. The obstacle course)

- Mrs. Olshove thanked everyone for their help with the Veteran's Day Assembly. Mrs. Caruso thanked Mrs. Olshove for all her planning to make it such a success.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Market Day:** Angie Burton (not present) did very well with \$250. We are going to do a Cookie Dough Sale. If we push cookie dough sales and sell between 1 and 249 tubs of dough, we could earn \$2.20 per tub. If 250-499 tubs of dough are sold then the profit goes up to \$3.30 per tub. Angie could use more volunteers to distribute Market Day. Contact Angie Burton if interested.
- **Box Tops for Education VS Campbell Soup labels:** There was a contest between the two committees.
  - Box Top winners are Mrs. K, Mrs. Olshove, and Mrs. Novak. This has brought in approximately \$1200
  - Campbell winners are Mrs. Novak, Mrs. Ciak, and Mrs. Olshove.
- **Birthday Books:** Colleen Beattie says that this is a good program and nothing new to report. She is within her budget.
- **Public Relations:**
  - Nicole Bonucchi is in contact with SHTV to do an interview with Mrs. Olshove and the kids for the Veteran's Day Assembly.
  - The cable station is running the Hallow-a-thon all week from 6am to 11pm.
  - Nicole is still working on the radio station for our school to do the Pledge of Allegiance on the air.
  - Don't forget that we have our own website to help keep you updated. Feel free to contact us with questions and of course to volunteer!
- **Coats for Kids:** Jennifer Terry collected 174 coats this year! The contact fell through so we will donate to Turning Point (a women's shelter in Mount Clemens). Vouchers are handed out for people in the shelters for free coats and then Second Hand Rose will sell the remaining cheap.

### **Old Business:**

- **Spirit Wear-** went really well. There were a few glitches with orders. People were reimbursed for the window clings because there were not enough to order.
- **Red Ribbon Week** - October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you to Nancy Mazzola for all the hard work. The SH police dog "Chase" was a hit. The kids received trinkets. St. John Hospital donated the hand sanitizers.
- **Spooktacular Hallow-a-thon** – October 30th  
Jen Terry and Gina Ibri chaired this event. The kids had a great time. We did well, but unfortunately did not meet our goal. We brought in \$5421. Thank you to all the great volunteers, to Westview for donating the cider and apples, to St. Malachy for loaning the inflatables, and McDonald's for the cups and napkins.  
**Abuelos profit share** – was a fun evening. Some of the teachers helped out and it was great to see them out of their element! We earned \$285.
- **PTO Popcorn** – the PTO will be serving popcorn on November 25<sup>th</sup> (1/2 day before off of school) for .50 a bag.

- **Mrs. Pyrek's request for science material** – a motion to approve the additional \$500 to finish her request for science materials benefiting both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.  
Motion to approve: Conni Ring  
Seconded: Kim Mercier  
Motion approved

**New Business:**

- **Subway profit share night** – is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-9pm at 15 Mile and Schoenherr. We earn 20%.
- **Profit share night for December** – we have a call in to McDonald's on Utica. Will be announced when we have the date and time.
- **Holiday Hideaway** – will run from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>. Monica Orlando will be chairing this event.
- **Giving Trees** – PTO's suggestion for the giving tree is the **Bottomless Toy Chest**. They provide the toys for children staying in hospitals. Student council will have a tree to support military families.  
Motion to approve the Bottomless Toy Chest as the charity for this year's giving tree.  
All in Favor: Yes  
Their will be die cuts on the tree with the age and gender for the type of toys to purchase.
- **Winter Wonderland** – PTO wanted to have a low key event for the holidays with warm cocoa and cookies. Possibly wear pj's and have either a storytime, choir, or band. This will take place December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Talent Show** – is scheduled for Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> but still need start time and volunteers.

**Question and Answer:**

- Still having parking lot issues. Parents are encouraged to gather license plate numbers and Mrs. Caruso will follow up.
- There is an older child that uses foul language at one of the safety posts and Mrs. Caruso will follow up.

Next meeting will be January 5th

Motion to adjourn: Conni Ring

Seconded: Connie Cleary

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Please check the school website for additional information: [www.wcs.k12.mi.us/black/](http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/black/)

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