

Mokena PTA, Inc. Meeting

September 23, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by the President, Carol Garcia.

Attendance: Those in attendance included Carol Garcia, Cindy Hoyle, Kim Perrin, Jan Grice, Judy Splayt, Patti Bogdan, Victoria Albon, Karen Perry, and Jennifer Brenner.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Cindy Hoyle to approve the August minutes. Carol Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasure's Report: Kim Perrin reported. See report. Kim Perrin reported a beginning balance of \$1,771.18 and an ending balance of \$1,948.88. SCRIP had a beginning balance of \$2,299.75 with an ending balance of \$2,300.33. Kim Perrin reported a change to the budget regarding the contingency fund to be reduced by \$1,000. A motion was made by Judy Splayt to reduce the contingency fund by \$1,000. Karen Perry seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Kim Perrin reported that the tax return is done. Principles have been given the new assembly amounts by grade level. It was also mentioned again that the amount of mini grants being offered this year has been reduced (still \$50). If Fall Fundraiser is more successful than budgeted, these amounts will go up. Judy Splayt asked if we should let teachers know about assemblies. It was decided to wait until we find out the results of the Fall Fund Raiser. Carol Garcia mentioned that we could use mini grants towards assemblies. Some of the major things paid out this month included insurance and book soxs. There was a request for two mini grants for speakers on the computers for the classrooms in 4th and 5th grade by a combination of teachers. This would cost \$405 for 4th grade and \$225 for 5th grade. Cindy Hoyle made a motion to approve the two mini grants for MIS. Jennifer Brenner seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Fall Fund Raiser – Carol Garcia reported that the Sally Foster and Entertainment Books were distributed at MES and MIS. MJHS will be starting the Penny Wars next week. Victoria Albon asked if it was okay to keep track of books returned in her class and then return to PTA. Carol said it would be fine.

Flu Shot Clinic – Carol Garcia reported that the flu shot clinic is most likely not going to happen due to lack of enough interest. This could be in part by how many other facilities are offering flu shots this year.

Membership Committee – Carol Garcia reported that we are in the process of finalizing membership. As far as cash on hand, 291 memberships have been accounted for per Kim Perrin.

MJHS Dance & Open Gym Committee – Cindy Hoyle reported that the Junior High dances will be on Friday, October 30th, followed by February 5th, and April 23rd. DJ Michael agreed to do all three assemblies for \$280 each, which is great news – kids loved him and it's an incredible deal. Cindy mentioned that we will not be holding a Holiday Dance due to lack of volunteers during such a busy time of the year.

Newsletter Committee – Nothing to report.

Recycle Programs – Nothing to report other than we received a check per Carol Garcia.

Reflections Committee – Carol Garcia reported that we did not do this last year. Cindy Hoyle described how the participation declined year over year with only six participants the year before last. The PTA's idea was to take it away for awhile and then bring it back. This is a program to promote the arts with students submitting what the meaning of art is. Victoria Albon mentioned having the Art teachers do it. Carol replied that they are usually too busy with their own activities. This brought the group onto the discussion of the Spring Fund Raiser, which is art related. A motion was made by Karen Perry to not participate in Reflections this school year. Victoria Albon seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Santa's Secret Workshop – Carol Garcia reported that Debbie Harvey will be heading up the workshop this year, which will be very similar to last year. Donna McKenna is currently looking for vendors.

SCRIP (Gift Card Committee) – First order due October 9th. Carol Garcia reported that Student Council will be handing out orders next week. Same process as last year, orders will be dropped off in Miss Albon's room, will sort by 25s with tables set up in hallways. Copies can be made at school.

Website Committee – Carol Garcia reported that the website needs to be updated.

Old Business:

Open Positions – Carol Garcia reported that we still have open positions for Book Sox, Calendar, and Fun Fair Committees.

E-scrip - Carol Garcia reported that she sent in a form to register for E-scrip and is not sure if any school is doing this. We will put in the newsletter that we are doing this. Karen Perry mentioned that that would be perfect (other schools in the state do it).

New Business:

District Spirit Wear – Carol Garcia and Karen Perry described their ideas for Spirit wear with a district logo versus each individual school. Victoria Albon recommended making this into a contest similar to Reflections where there is a panel and students can design

their own district logo for the shirts (she mentioned how successful this was last year when the Student Council designed their own shirts). This will be sold through the PTA via an order form. We can also look into Lincolnway Spirit Wear. It was suggested by Karen Perry for unity between stars, rockets, meteors.

Spring Fundraiser Idea – Carol Garcia handed out an idea for the Spring Fund Raiser, homemade cards by the students. Everyone loved it!

Next Meeting Agenda – MES Evening Meeting with Student Involvement – A suggestion was made by Judy Splayt to have the 3rd Grade Student Council present what they do at the PTA Meeting to get more parents. This will get 18 students. It was recommended that we do this in the commons area.

Principal/School Reports:

MJHS— Nothing to report.

MIS (Reported by Patti Bogdan) - The 5th grade classes participated in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. DARE essays are due this week. The students welcomed a new officer. The 4th grade students will participate in the Spirit of the Eagle Assembly this Thursday/Friday. The Book Fair will begin on October 5th.

MES (Reported by Judy Splayt) – We all survived Back to School Nights. School pictures came in today. First Grade went to the Mokena Library with the other grades soon to follow to discuss the “I-PICK” program (picking just the right book). We will begin fire drills with first “take covers” in new locations. Progress Reports go out on Monday. We will be having our Volunteer Meeting at 9am on Monday.

Carol Garcia thanked everyone for helping with Back to School Nights. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen Perry at 4:49 PM and seconded by Judy Splayt. The motion was carried. The next PTA meeting will be held Wednesday, October 28th at 7 PM (commons at MES).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Brenner,

Member, Mokena PTA, Inc.