

## PTO Meeting – 4/13/2010

17 attendees

Joanne Sowell opened the meeting by presenting the financial report. We opened the year with approximately \$3,000 and through some excellent fund raising efforts this year, will be closing the year with approximately \$23,000. Joanne reported that Spaghetti fest was a big success this year due to the great weather and getting lots of things donated this year. The net proceeds were around \$7,000.

Joanne presented the PTO Board Slate for 2010–2011:

- President – Ann Lynn Walker
- Past President – Joanne Sowell
- VP of Community Relations – Nicole Mattison
- VP of Enhancements – Thomas Caldwell
- VP of Events – Tonya Turner
- VP of Fundraising – Becca Oberlander
- Treasurer – Katherine Brown
- Secretary – Ellen Bibb
- Teacher Rep – Joyce Claassen

A motion was made and seconded on the proposed slate. The vote was unanimous.

Joanne then listed the Chair positions for 2010-11 that are still open and asked if anyone was interested that they see Ann Lynn or Joanne. The open positions are as follows: Welcome Back Picnic, Uniform Swap, City Saver (formerly Citipass) books, Teacher Appreciation, Green Team and Spaghetti fest.

Joanne then described the A/V equipment purchase that the PTO Board was recommending. It consists of a cart, 2 Elmos and a digital projector. This was passed unanimously.

The next proposed purchase was the Riso, a digital duplicator. The current version is no longer supported by the maintenance folks and a new one is needed. The PTO has gotten \$1050 from Richland and Sylvan Park Neighborhood Associations for this. We would need \$1445 in additional PTO funds to make this purchase. This also passed unanimously.

Thomas Caldwell then gave a brief update on the Auditorium project. We have gotten 2 bids for upgrading the lighting and sound. We are planning to address this project in phases for funding reasons and are looking at doing the lighting piece first. Cornerstone Music's bid for lighting is approximately \$8,000 and it is the higher end lighting. Interstate Lighting and Sound provided two options: one for permanent lighting at \$4,000 and the other for two portable lighting units at \$1,000 each. The discussion was that the portable units were not really what we wanted and that with children moving around they would not work well.

Joanne then reported on a meeting with Metro's facilities management director to see what upgrades they can provide to the auditorium. We are hoping that Metro can provide any electrical upgrades, fresh paint, curtain cleaning & repair and seat repair. We have a meeting with Metro's Facility team on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to determine what they can and cannot do for us.

Several parents expressed concern about the A/C in the auditorium and how hot it was during the April PTO meeting & First Grade performance. Joanne explained that the A/C unit was loud when it was running and that it probably had been turned off too soon that night. There were concerns expressed about upgrading lighting and sound systems but still having the A/C unit being an issue. Joanne said that we would talk with the folks from Metro on Thursday and see what the options were.

Joanne asked for permission to spend up to \$8,000 on the auditorium over the summer, if Metro's projects were finished in time. After some discussion, a vote was taken on spending up to \$8,000 and it passed unanimously.

Joyce Claassen showed the link on the Sylvan Park website about summer reading programs and encouraged people to take advantage of BookFlix and ThinkLink over the summer.

Mrs. Cheadle let everyone know that we would be returning to standard school attire at the beginning of next year.

The meeting then adjourned.