



General Membership Meeting
November 11, 2010

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Dana Wiley and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 13, 2010 General Membership meeting were approved as written

Correspondence & Special Announcements

Dana Wiley wished that everyone enjoyed the time off with their children and informed members the children will be walked down to room 411 at 8 pm. We will end on time but feel free to see any one of us after.

Treasurer's Report

Paul King reported that EPI (\$86,000) hasn't been paid yet. When outstanding checks \$30,000±, clears, bank balance around \$83,000. We are short on revenue \$10,000, short on expenses, so may equal. One issue is donations were less. Budget for Spring 2011 \$20,000. If anyone needs the balance in their account, send an e-mail.

President's Report

Dana Wiley thanked everyone for the Dine and Share at Famous Dave's. It will take two weeks to get results. Jackie will call in the next couple days for preliminary numbers. First time, been successful in the past, we may try another.

Dana informed members that she is hosting a Cookie Walk 12/18 for all volunteers, chairpersons and board members. Bring 1-2 dozen cookies and a canister. Grab what you want. Checking into locations – called a coffee shop in Crystal Lake, they want to charge. It may be at Dana's home. Dana will send an e-mail when details are finalized.

Dana told us about the idea she had with Daunel – Volunteer meals. Can we help others – sickness, babies, etc. – contribute to help the families. Dana does it already. Feedback? Interest?

Member informed us that Julie Filipek had her third child. A baby girl, Piper. We all want to congratulate Julie and maybe send a note or a meal?

Dana said that she will send an e-mail to find out if there's any interest. Dana will coordinate. Maybe ask staff members, teachers, etc. to help out.

Member informed us that she did it for a family who lost their mom. People contributed for a while.

Vice Presidents' Report

Joselyn Hummel informed us that the November newsletter went out this afternoon. Focus for the month: Fire. Reminder to everyone to change batteries in their smoke detectors. Fire department

informed children on how fires are started and told children not to hide. There is a new Illinois Fire Safety Video – one for K-2 and 3-5.

Spring event – Parent evening – needs help, non-sweet treats. Also school day program on exercise and eating right.

Daunel Czarnecki – nothing to report.

Riaz Baxamusa informed us that Karen for Variety Show is not here. Variety Show notices went out. Applications are due next Friday. Goal is to schedule times and inform by e-mail. Tryouts are booked on 12/4 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – trying not to conflict with Breakfast with Santa. Tryouts are at Chesak. Rehearsal is January 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Huntley High School. Show is January 22 at 2 p.m.

Dana also informed us that we are trying to keep up with District 158 happenings. If there are other events, we will try not to conflict. We don't want to cause any conflicts. If you know of an event, e-mail to PTA Mailbox or to Dana.

Committee Reports

- **Assemblies** – Jessica and Jori. Jessica informed members all Chesak assemblies are booked. ProKidz for November 15, 2010 for 1st and 2nd grade. Patty Lynn for kindergarten on January 12 – she will be doing four shows.

Jori informed us that for Martin's 3rd grade – Craig Pierce author of "American Dog Tales" reduced his fee for us. As a thank you, he is donating 3 book sets and one book with 3 stories to Martin library. Fourth grade has John Lynn on March 21. He reduced his fee from \$525 to \$500.

- **Audit** – Jill Kaufman. No report.
- **Beautification** – Jennifer and Bill. Bill not here. Jennifer informed us that the Eagle Scouts put compose bin by vegetable garden, planted four apple trees. Have plans for clean up for next spring. Will send e-mails for volunteers. Butterfly garden – some plants have been replaced. Members are to shoo away the children by garden.

Dana informed us that the Football Team President asked children not to trample butterfly garden.

- **Dad's Club** – Paul informed us that there was a great turnout for pumpkin carving – about 30 people and 12 pumpkins. Thank you to all volunteers who helped out.

Wolves game event over winter is being organized. Chili cook-off plans are starting. Needs to research rules. Send e-mails with any ideas.

Mr. Lamb bought a pumpkin for the vegetable garden.

- **Community Involvement** – Amy. No report.
- **Family Events** - Dana and Jennifer. Jennifer informed us that Donuts with Dad is November 20 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Martin.

Question from member – why do people have to register? Answer need to know approximately how many people are going to show up. So far 120 people are registered. Last year over 300 people showed up and we ran out of donuts. Thinking about 30 dozen donuts.

Dana reminded us that there was a great turnout for Family Swim Night.

In office is a donation area for non-perishable items to help people in need. We have such generous families as people are bringing in bags of stuff. John Rossi will pick up the food right before Thanksgiving.

- **Healthy and Safety** – Joselyn already reported.
- **Membership** – Lynn reminded us of coffee next Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the PTA room. We will have food – not sure about coffee as everyone last time brought their own.
- **Publicity and Volunteers** – Jill is not here. Dana announced Volunteers of the Month. All of our volunteers are awesome, but there are two people that went over and above. Congratulations Jackie Carmana and Mary Walz.

To volunteer, contact Jill at jcross1996@gmail.com or go to website and send email and we will forward.

- **Reflections** – Kelly reported that we are in a holding pattern. There is a mom who has not received the artwork from last year. It takes about one year to return. We have 20 entries - awesome.
- **Spirit Wear** – Lucy reported everything is ok for delivery the week of December 6. Looking for volunteers for the morning at Chesak and Martin to drop orders outside of classrooms. If received order form after November 2, order may not be ready for December 6. No guarantee, but may be delivered by holiday break. Doing a lot for other groups – Reading and Preschool.
- **Staff Appreciation** – Niki reported we have the best families. There were 2 full conference tables at each school for treats for Parent Teacher Conferences. Fed over 200 people. Thank you everyone who donated.

Thank you turkey feathers are due tomorrow. Looking to thank everyone. Children can color or do whatever, decorate or not. Need help in the next few days.

Holiday wrapping for staff will be December 6-10 from 9 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 1 p.m. Need volunteers. Need donations – anything, bows, paper, candy canes, ornaments, pencils, anything to beautify the packages.

- **Staff Liaisons** – Phyllis and Tobi not here. Mrs. Hopp thanked volunteers from the teachers for the snacks and treats during the Parent Teacher Conferences. It was very nice.
- **Variety Show** – Karen and Julie. Julie informed us about the show will be at the end of January – maybe Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Tryouts will be at Chesak on December 4 after lunch. Need to reschedule because of conflict with Santa's breakfast. Applications are due by 11/19 to allow time to set up rehearsal and show. DVD and t-shirt sales will be contacting last year's chairs. Videographer will tape rehearsal. Need volunteers to watch rehearsal on the 20th at 4:30 p.m.
- **Ways and Means** – Mary and Jackie. Mary informed us that the Fall fundraiser pick up is November 17 after 4:00 p.m. Put together incentives. No invoice received yet from EPI. Still working on top sellers.

Member comment – For the Young Artist program, why are there no magnets. Spent \$16 on two magnets. Recommend to return to last year's company.

Member 2 comment – Five students' artwork was mixed up, 18 students' names were misspelled on brochure. Working on reprints. Order online and the prices were different and cannot order combos.

Dana responded and thanked the members for their comments. Need to bring issues up to vendor. The reason for switching was less labor for us, local vendor coordinated shipping.

Member comment – Last year parents were confused as to returning magnet.

- **Website** – Kelly not here. Daunel said there was nothing to report.
- **Wrap Pak** – Caryn and Laura. Nothing to report.

Question from member – did we get any feedback?

Laura informed us that there were a few pencil boxes that were broken. We asked for sharpened pencils that we did not get. Just a handful of complaints.

New Business

Principal's Report – Chuck Lamb and Rhonda Maciejewski. Mr. Lamb is not here. Karen is here on behalf of Mr. Lamb. Thank you to the scouts and garden helpers who cleaned up. November 19-23 is Grandparent's Day.

Rhonda informed us that the book fair is the last week in November and the first week in December.

Breakfast with Santa – third through fifth grades are donating baskets for raffles. Also, teachers are allowed to wear jeans and pay \$1 per day. Use the money to buy gift cards and other fun stuff.

Other New Business

Drive for \$5 collection – asking for assistance from social workers for families in need. Donations of gift cards for \$5 from local stores, gas stations, etc. are greatly appreciated. Give to the front office and they will give to the social workers. Cards will go to families to buy toys, presents, gas, etc. Will send an e-mail with total collected. Kick off is November 29 through December 12. Will be distributed before Christmas.

Rummage Sale – Mr. Lamb talked to Daunel and Dana about potential fundraiser. Community event – parking lot at Chesak? Families rent table space? We rent portable washrooms? All of us will need to come together and need a commitment. Legee and Square Barn campuses want to do it. Do we want to do this? Over the summer the parking lot is not used. There would be no rain date. Need a steering committee.

Member suggestion – Rent space for \$5 and/or percentage of sales.

Dana said one option would be rent spaces. Gary Minor did it for the fall festival. Two parking spaces would equal one selling space. We would not provide tables, chairs or electrical cords. We would need someone to manage the whole event. Someone would have to plan the parking lot lay out, decide if we should sell food – water, hot dogs. Rent space for \$20-\$30 with no percentage of sales. Need people to help. Will send out a survey.

Member comment – people would not pay, set up, stand there. We would need publicity. Sounds too much.

Dana informed us that we would need to clarify District 158 boundaries. Lake In The Hills requires a \$5 permit fee for 4 stickers. Huntley does not.

Question from member – If all campuses are participating, how would money be distributed?

Dana answered that we may have to divide it – buy tags.

Question from member 2 – Who would pay money to our PTA?

Daunel answered money would probably be split three ways evenly. Need more planning and coordination. Mr. Lamb is enthusiastic about it. Geneva Illinois does it already.

Dana thanked everyone for their honest feedback.

Unfinished Business

None.

Adjournment

Next meeting is December 9. Dana thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.