

Slingerlands Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010
7:00 PM

I. Introduction

- A. Meeting called to order -7:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – parents introduced selves
- C. Changes to the agenda-none

II. Presentation

- A. Catherine Brenner, Bethlehem Public Library
Presented programs available at public library.
Cathy mentioned the launch of new website bplkids.org.
Great partnership between Slingerlands library and Public library.

III. Announcements and Reports

- A. Principal-Think Tank Update
 - 1. Community-based group formed to address fiscal issues as budget crisis becomes an ongoing reality. District needs to make long-term plans. Money saving ideas include: using alternate energy sources, different groupings of grade levels that may include redistricting, sale of Ed-Resource building to provide room for different groupings of students, closure of Clarksville or Elsmere, exploring possibility of moving 6th grade to elementary schools. Next meeting- November 22 at Ed Resource.
 - 2. Farm to You Fest- Great job to chairs
 - 3. Great Harvest Dance- profit was approximately \$800
 - 4. 1000 Book Program- Thank you Mary Elizabeth Metcalf and team
 - 5. American Education Week –coming next week. Parents and friends are invited to attend.
 - 6. Eat , Shoot, Read- also coming next week

B. Teacher Representatives-Mrs. Clarkson

Thank you for Farm to You. Teachers looking forward to having parents in the classroom next week during American Ed week.

C. Co-Presidents

1. Communication & website- PTA blast now sent out as a reminder of upcoming events. Website recently updated including photo gallery. If you have information for the website, please forward to Co-Presidents via e-mail. PTA Board also updated and front hall has PTA member leaves.
2. Raffle Baskets- looking to continue as a fundraiser. Last year almost \$3000 raised. PTA open to discussion of reorganizing (smaller baskets, giving assembly to room parents)
3. Carnival Co-Chair- Melissa Bonnie needs help
4. Senate Check- Earmarked money came in from Breslin for Playground. Emilie Moss to meet with contractor to discuss installation of new slide. Mrs. Young looking at catalog for other options to add to Playground.

D. Treasurer- see Beth Ryan

Separate bank accounts for Nature's Classroom and Playground have been established at bank. Discussion of allocations of left over funds (do we roll over to next upcoming 5th grade).

E. Committee Reports

1. Harvest Dance-Very successful, Emma Cleary, Olsens, Price Chopper, Walmart all donated to the event
2. Joe Corbi- items to arrive soon
3. Nature's Classroom-Roller Skating went well. Hoffman's carwash, Pizza orders available for Turkey shoot.
4. Healthy Kids- 1000 pounds of produce donated, great recipes, taste tests, a lot of Slingerlands participants.
5. Community Outreach- Slingerlands adopting a family. Check website for details.

6. Holiday Plant Sale upcoming
7. Hospitality-Bring a baked good or fruit to American Ed Week and drop of in lounge.
8. 1000 books- many K-1 students registered and there seems to be excitement over the program.

IV. Discussion and Voting Items

A. Math Olympics - Mr. Betor \$89.

B. 8 Round Orange tablecloths \$90.81

C. Family Reading Night- \$100 to fund a local storyteller. January 13th.

Motions carried to approve funding.

V. Adjournment- 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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