

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Liz Rizzo, President; Karen Schifferdecker, Treasurer; Amanda Charbono, Membership; Jennifer Duby, Secretary; Justin Benna, Principal. Lisa Stebbins, Beth Felix, Sarah Schneider, Penny May, Becky Stark, Penny Howlett, Wendy Hare, Matt Charbono, Dick Crate, Molly Finger, Cathy Bean, Shara Bufington, Jen Duby, Bob Gerlock, Barb Sturgill.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rizzo called the meeting to order at 6:46.

OLD BUSINESS

President Rizzo said she brought the bylaws for Secretary Duby.

Attendees took time to read the Minutes from last meeting. A motion to accept them was made by Amanda Charbono and seconded by Justin Benna.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Karen Schifferdecker went over the report. She drew attention to the proposed budget of \$27,810 compared with proposed income of \$22,650. She pointed out that we may not be able to do everything that has been proposed. Sarah Schneider made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Cathy Bean seconded.

Principal's report: Principal Justin Benna said that the Open House and Book Fair went great tonight, The assembly to kick off NECAP was held a couple weeks ago. The Brain Show assembly was a hoot, kids had a great time. That was a busy day b/c also photo day. We are wrapping up NECAP testing, which takes 6 days per grade; exhaustive testing. Next week is an early dismissal on Thurs, Fri is no school for teacher development. Marvelous start to the school year on day 33!

President Rizzo asked when the first set of parent teacher conferences will be. Justin answered: coming up in first week of Nov. Classroom teachers each have own process for setting that up. See kids' backpacks or don't hesitate to get in touch with teacher. Veteran's day is a holiday.

Membership update: Membership Chair Amanda Charbono says we have 70 members. She has cards for members who have signed up before tonight. Discussion of which database she is using.

Fundraising update. Babben reported. Thanked Beth, Barbara, Denise, Liz, Tracy C., and others, who helped with labeling, collating. Total take for EVS was between \$8k and \$9k, which will be a rough profit of %45 of total. President Rizzo asked for anticipated delivery date. Babben guessed mid-November, would get that date firmed up from rep.

NEW BUSINESS

Family Fun Night

Penny May shared that Dorrie Fellows says 4 Winds will do an activity table similar to what was done last year. Beth shared that theme will be a fall theme, with crafts, activities. Kids may wear costumes if so choose. Babben shared that she did look into contra dancing, but the group was not available for the fall but maybe in the spring. Cost would be about \$100. Discussion about volunteers needed, types of activities, games, crafts. Estimate 10 stations, needing 20 volunteers at least. Cathy Bean asked if we would have a bake sale. Rizzo said it was decided no. Karen suggested having water for

sale. Beth said cider/apple juice was being donated. Discussion of how to do PTA membership. Have sign-up table. Sarah Schneider asked time: 6:30 to 8. Dick Crate asked the date: Oct 29. Children and members are free. The cost of a PTA membership and the cost to enter is same.

Website and Social Media for PTA

President Rizzo raised the question of whether Enfield Village School should have a facebook page. NH State PTA has a FB page. But they have staff to manage. Liz's opinion is that we should not have. Reasons: too easy to inadvertently post a picture of a child whose parent has signed the no photo form. She feels there's enough venues for people to get the info could get on FB. Also, would need a person to manage it. The School District does not yet have a policy regarding social media.

President has Requests for EVS PTA funds. First, Third, and Kinder field trips.

Kindergarten \$276 to Hopkins Ctr to see Berenstain Bears

First Grade \$220 LOH

Third Grade \$240 LOH If You Give a Cat a...

Total 716\$. Budget is approx. \$1200. Justin said PTA pays for performance and district pays for travel cost. Dick C. made motion to support. Show of hands was unanimous. Approved.

November PTA meeting date.

Veterans Day is Nov 11 which would be regular meeting night. Karen suggested moving it to Wed of same week, Nov 10. General agreement. Regular time, 6:30

Babben raised idea of support of deployed members of our community through cards. Ray Peterssen tried to get it going last year. Ray and Babben have named it Hugs from Home. All students in school will make cards to send to any loved ones who have deployed. Need to find out who is willing to participate, e.g., does "mom" want the community to know that "dad" is away. Justin said Mrs. Darling, whose brother is deployed, is interested in having this as part of library time. Ray is working on getting funding from military for postage. Goal to get cards out the door by Veterans Day.

Babben asked if we have hats and mittens available to kids who may not have them or may have forgotten them. Justin: yes.

Babben raised issue that there are surely kids who can't afford to buy something at Book Fair. Is there a way for the PTA to make sure everybody gets a book. Discussion and suggestions. Have a jar at cashier table for change. Why not buy every kid a book? Used to do Birthday Books. Did we lose funding? Kinders get books, First Graders get personalized book from Lion(ess?) Club. General discussion. Agreed that it's a good idea, but difficult to implement.

Karen Schifferdecker asked if parents are interested in events for parents, e.g. presentations on topics of discipline, healthy eating, etc. Is the PTA interested? Cathy Bean shared that her dept does free child abuse prevention presentations. Rizzo shared that a poll went around at first meeting. Pointed out Center for School Success flyer on back of Agenda. Dick C. shared that he thought it was a great idea: Parent Enrichment Night. Have tried to do it at HS but hasn't been received too well. Now, at elementary school age, is a good time to reach parents. Karen Schifferdecker pointed out should offer child care. Suggestion of 45 to 60 min. Suggest having multiple topics available on one night. Try having one or two this year, and maybe do quarterly next year. Dick suggested having just one topic per night. Karen asked can we get this on agenda for next month. Suggest surveying parents. Discussion of difficulties. Suggest using website, do quick survey, e.g., which two of these four options do you want to see this year. Dick suggested using Enfield Listserve to broadcast info.

Beth asked what else we have for fundrasing going on. Discussion of how many fundraisers can have each year. Karen S suggest doing fundraisers at FFN, like class basket raffles, fifty-fifty, etc. Jennifer Duby suggested having a fund drive to raise money directly, without involving catalogs etc.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Rizzo asked for motion to adjourn. Dick Crate motioned, Karen S. seconded.