

Palmer PTA Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Miller at 7:04 PM. 22 attendees.

Principals Report- Meredith Nauman

- a. Getting back into the swing of things after Holiday break. The 2nd marking period will be ending in January. PSSA's are coming up and teachers are preparing for those. The 3 Keys Program is still in effect and the 4th assembly will be the 1st week of February and will be a "Family Feud" type of game but will be called "Panther Feud". 4-SIGHT Testing for 3rd and 4th graders will be next week.
- b. Absentee policy- after 10 absences of any kind, the next absence will need a Doctor's note, without the note, it will be illegal or unexcused.
- c. The PTA will purchase a new panther costume to be used for school and PTA events. Mrs. Nauman found 2 online, one is \$390.96 and the other is \$639.00. She is passing around a picture of each one for a vote on which to purchase.
 - Mrs. Nauman made a motion to purchase the Panther costume for \$390.96Vote: passed unanimously.

Teacher's report- Jenni Parsons spoke.

- a. Thank you for the Holiday gift, the kids appreciated it. They also enjoyed making the ginger bread houses.
- b. Miss Olimpo absolutely loves the new piano that was purchased for the music room.

Easton Area Council Report- Rebecca Miller

- a. There is a potential to have over 600 emails that the PTA would have access to if all student body and staff signed up. This will be useful to send out reminders for events or for Chairs to remind about fundraisers and pick-up dates.
- b. There will be a blood drive this Friday, there is a flyer going around, you need to call to make an appointment.

Executive Board Report-

- a. Vice-President- Jill Patullo- nothing to report.
- b. Treasurer- Deb Troxell- see attached report.
- c. Recording Secretary- Jessica McAndrew- minutes were accepted.
- d. Corresponding Secretary- Marie Prendergast- nothing to report.

Committee Reports

- a. Palmer PTA Night at Frank's Pizza- Nancy Ebert- the night went well, people were enjoying themselves, we made \$240.
- b. TGI Friday's Fundraiser- Nancy Ebert- will be the next 3 Thursdays, all day, need to use the flyer with the vouchers that was sent home.
- c. Sportswear Sale- Nancy Ebert- sale went well, we made over \$700.
- d. Cherrydale Farms Fundraiser- Jennifer Dellatore- not present- Rebecca spoke- some issues of people not picking up their items. No room to store it in the school. We made about \$7000.
- e. Breakfast with Dads- Deb Troxell- about 400 dads and kids came, the cafeterias were packed, we did run out of food, but everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.
- f. Barnes and Noble Bookfair- Amanda Shepherd- was on November 30th, sales of about \$2500 with a profit of \$392.59. 13 students did the scavenger hunt, teachers did some wrapping.

- g. Breakfast with Santa/Holiday Craft- Tina Sterner- had over 200 people, there were some glitches with Sodexo, the food was late and they forgot the coffee. This will be Mary Delbene's last year, so a co-chair will be needed for next year.
- h. Giving Tree- Mary Romfo- not present-Jill spoke- there were 5 families, 3 were from Palmer, 2 from the Middle School who were previous Palmer Families. The ornaments that were left on the tree, the Palmer Police came and took them and purchased the rest of the gifts. It was a huge success and the families were thrilled.
- i. Gianni's Pizza Fundraiser- Katie and Elise not present- Rebecca spoke- sale has ended, delivery will be next Thursday from 3:30-6:00, because of no storage, all items not picked-up will be donated.
- j. Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser- Marie spoke- packets will be going out January 25th. The sale will run February 1st- 16th. Delivery is expected for March 16th, emails and flyers will be going out.
- k. Science Fair- Geoffrey Clark spoke- Sign-up sheet has gone out. There are 98 students signed up so far. It is scheduled for March 4th from 6:00-8:00. He stated that current budget of \$100 needs to be increased to get students a T-shirt and Survival Kit. They are looking to get donations for the door prizes. Wants a \$1140 budget with a 33% contingency to make it a budget of \$1520. He stated the students will receive the Survival Kit once they sign-up and receive the T-shirt on the night of the event. Discussion was raised regarding giving students the Survival Kit before the event occurs, which may lead to students signing up and then not participating. Everyone agreed to make it a trial and error situation and if there are students who don't participate after receiving the Survival Kit, this will be changed for next year.

- Geoffrey made a motion to increase the budget from \$100 to \$1520.

Vote: passed unanimously.

- l. Reflections- Jonnel not present- Rebecca said a Chair is needed for next year.
- m. Valentine's Social- Jessica McAndrew- A save-the-date flyer will be going home. It is scheduled for February 19th from 6:00-8:00. There will be no fee this year for families. It is a way for the PTA to "give back" to families for all their support.
- n. Founder's Day- Mary Delbene not present.
- o. Variety Show- Mary Vincent spoke- Scheduled for Thursday, March 18th, flyers will be coming home in a week or so. 3rd and 4th graders can try out for stage crew. There is a meeting to go over everything, a mandatory dress rehearsal and then the show. This is Mary's last year. Caroline LaRocco is co-chair.
- p. Tricky Tray- Mary Lou Hessling spoke- Notice going home next week asking families for help with any way they can. One prize is a week of football camp at Lafayette. If anyone has a business they can get involved, it is great networking and free advertising. She is trying to get food donated. Sign-up sheet for set-up, take-down, etc. Event is scheduled for March 27th from 9:00-2:00.
- q. School Store- Trish spoke- 1st and 2nd grade will be tomorrow. AM K is having it on Friday, needs volunteers.
- r. Box Tops/Campbell's Labels/Redner's- April not present- no details about contest. The 1st submission was for \$441.23
- s. Newsletter- Barb Mulligan spoke- Hopes to get it out this Friday with memo of "Take Dad To School Week". She is already working on the February issue.
- t. Membership- Amy Coleman spoke- All forms and dues have been paid to the National and State PTA. Reward for Classroom Membership winners: Jan. 6, 2010, early school store for Mr. Bedeaux, Mrs. Guffy and Mrs. Roberts.
Jan. 13, 2010, early school store for Miss Moyer, Mrs. Nicholas, Ms. Paukovitch and Mrs. Allison. Students will redeem their \$.50 coupon at the school store.

Old Business-

- a. • Motion made to accept the Update of the By-Laws
Vote: passed unanimously.

- b. PTA Thanksgiving Food Collection- Jill spoke- there were 5 families in need, food was delivered in laundry baskets which were overflowing with food. The extra food went to the Middle School for families in need at Christmas.
- c. Child Care during PTA Meetings- Rebecca spoke- if anyone has any contacts with 7th or 8th graders to baby-sit let her know. High School Honor Society may not have students available for every meeting.

New Business-

- a. Open Committees
 - 1. Reflections
 - 2. Membership

Other Business- none

Meeting was adjourned by Rebecca Miller at 8:18 PM.
Jessica McAndrew, Recording Secretary.