Mount Nittany Elementary School
PTO Meeting
December 8, 2011

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Agostinelli-Kalupson at 6:50 pm.

Presidents' Remarks: The Mount Nittany Elementary School Directory has not been completed yet due to a low response rate. To date, 93 families have responded out of 255 families in the school. Notices were sent by Mrs. Latta, reminders were sent home, and e-mail communication were sent to families. We are planning on publishing the directory with a note that we hope for be as all-inclusive next year. We will send another form during the first week of January with a request to submit information and a reminder that the family does not need to be a member of the PTO in order to be included in the directory. We will include class lists and the school district directory.

Principal's Remarks: Mrs. Latta brought with her a disk of pictures for the yearbook which was given to Jennifer McCann. The making of the gingerbread houses by the kindergarten and fifth graders and having them do them together was wonderful. The hot chocolate celebration will be on December 15. The programs done as part of Anti-bullying Week were effective. Mrs. Latta suspects that the students are thinking about the ideas that were raised.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mindy Sabol; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Motion approved.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report: The Barnes and Noble Book Fair check arrived today and is therefore not reflected in the Treasurer's Report. We netted 721.35 and an additional small amount of donations from the gift wrap. Many thanks to Anne and Dustin for a great job! The childcare expense anticipated for tonight will not be used since childcare not provided. The SOAR expenses have been submitted. Last month, Mrs. Espy-Metz was approved to purchase CDs for her classroom. An amount of $1,500 has been approved for the kindergarten-second grade field trip. Shannon noted that this is a quiet time of year for the PTO finances. A motion to approve the report was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Motion approved.

Letters of Communication: There were a few letters that were circulated for review.

Committee Reports

A. Spirit Wear: Some t-shirts have been left over and may be able to be sold at the Family Fun Night along with the Cats Meow merchandise.
B. Scholastic Book Fair: No report.
C. Barnes & Noble Book Fair: Well done Anne and Dustin! We will need to pick a date in the spring for next year's Book Fair.
D. Box Tops for Education: A check should be coming soon.
E. Giant A+ for Education: No report.
F. Empties 4 Cash: No update as of this meeting.
G. Hospitality: Tuesday, November 13 is the party for the teachers. Volunteers have signed up for appetizers, drinks, etc. The decorations will be put up on Monday night.
H. Family Fun Nights: The chair, Ariann Stephenson, has identified some friends to help and has some ideas for Family Fun Night. We could hold a Penny Carnival and have games with pennies. It will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The change may be donated to charity along with penny drives in the classrooms. Ariann will contact Jeanne Belinda for the School Use Form and send to Lisa Davis the flyer to have it printed and distributed.
I. Exploration Fair: The teachers responded positively to the request sent to them by Mrs. Latta. The fair will be held on Monday, February 27 and set up will take place on February 24 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm using the entire gym. For those unable to set up on Friday, they may be able to set up on Monday, earlier in the day. If there is a snow day on February 27, the fair will be held on Tuesday, February 28. One small table could be Penn State students doing a small project who could then act as judges and sign certificates.
J. Ice Cream Social: No report.
K. 5th Grade Party: No report.
L. Yearbook: Jennifer McCann received the photographs today and will review the files. A notice will be put in the next newsletter inviting material for use in the yearbook.
M. PTO Newsletter: Nothing was submitted by the deadline. Lisa Davis and Sarah Williamson will work on a January-February-March newsletter in early January.
N. Author Visit: No report.
O. Vera Bradley Bingo: A funding request in the amount of $1,000 was submitted which will be used to purchase products. Additional funds will be requested for supplies. A motion to approve the funding request was made by Sarah Williamson; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Motion approved. The event will be held on February 10; the snow date will be February 17. Mrs. Latta will order tables and chairs for those dates. Donations for raffle prizes will be much appreciated.
P. Clothing Exchange: No report.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

Funding Requests: Mrs. Burgett submitted on behalf of the third and fourth grade students a request for $945 + 120 in bus costs to attend the Dr. Suess play at Eisenhower Auditorium on January 21. A total of 130 students will attend along with nine adult chaperons. A motion to approve the request was made by Anne Campbell; seconded by Marcie Rockey. Motion approved.

Mrs. Marshall submitted a request for $37.75 to be reimbursed for the purchase of Cat in the Hat pencils to be used as SOAR prizes. A motion to approve the request was made by Mindy Sabol; seconded by Caren Bloom-Steidle. Motion approved.

Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2012