

## **Roscoe PTO Minutes**

### **10/19/2011**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Franklin at 7:02 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the September 14, 2011 meeting. Heather Klein made a motion to approve the minutes and Gina McLaren seconded the motion.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The main thing from September was the walkathon. It was projected that \$20,000 would be brought in and we made \$19,700.

#### **Superintendent Report**

School improvement plans will be discussed at the school board meeting on October 25. Based on the financial audit from last year's budget, it was found that we have a \$730,000 deficit. If all revenue stops coming in, we only have 196 days of funds available. Next year is projected to be even worse when it comes to getting money from the state.

There was a good turn-out for the strategic planning meeting. The four committees formed include: collaboration and communication, technology, curriculum and student achievement and finance and operation.

#### **Committee Updates**

- **Market Day:** Heather said it is doing very well and is on track for meeting its projected income.
- **School Kits:** Heather did a lot of research and looked at how we could make the most money for our school and offer the kits to parents for less money than before. The company we previously used gave us 8% for school supplies and nothing for add-ons, such as backpacks. Heather found a new company, School Tool Box, who is giving us a deal. It will give us 12% back for the school supply kits and 5% back for add-ons.
- **Box Tops:** Prizes have been awarded to the classes with the most Box Tops. We should receive a check soon for approximately \$10,000. A brief discussion took place regarding trophies and the other prizes for the children.
- **Walk-a-thon:** Overall, the walk-a-thon did well. There was a discussion about what went well with the walk-a-thon and what things may be revisited for next year's walk-a-thon (e.g., whether we use the small track at Stone Creek/Ledgewood for the younger children again).
- **American-Made Market Place:** Order forms due today. The cups went over really well. Delivery will take place in late November. We plan to "recycle" the cups that are returned, for example, selling them at the Santa Shoppe with goodies inside.
- **Winter Bags:** We received donations of over 1,500 winter bags. All of Stone Creek and Ledgewood will receive winter bags and Kinnikinnick may receive them too. Diane worked with Kids Spot and Rockford Gymnastics Academy to get the majority of the bags.

- **Santa Shoppe:** Beth and Laura have been working hard on organizing the Santa Shoppe. Information is being sent out to parents soon. They would like an ad in the newsletter and are interested in purchasing a banner. It has been difficult finding gifts to purchase this year. Santa Shoppe will be on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8-3 at Kinnikinnick.
- **Golfing4TheKids:** In the budget for this year, Brad projected to make \$10,000 but is hoping to reach closer to \$20,000. The event is planned for May 19. There was discussion on celebrities Brad is interested in having attend the event.
- **Flamingo Fling:** Tickets are still available. They would like PTO to advertise the event on Facebook. Some awesome prizes will be available for the live and silent auction, including a “Man Cave.”

### **New News**

Rochelle talked to Discovery Center. Originally, we were told that they have a limit of 300 people and 10 tables for Math and Science night. However, Discovery Center is very willing to work with us and allow us to have double stations to accommodate more people. They also offered to bring in an additional staff member who would do science demonstrations in a different room. They suggested that we make it 2 hours rather than 90 minutes. Money was anonymously donated to pay for the entire night. We are looking to have it on Jan. 19. The theme that won the vote was Medieval Science.

Mad Science went out of business. The closest Mad Science is 2 hours from here. Discovery center does something similar. We could offer one-time classes for \$5 per person and also offer classes that last for several sessions. They use certified teachers and they follow state goals when running their classes. Heather Klein motioned and Gina McLaren seconded the motion to use Discovery Center in place of Mad Science.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.