

October 10, 2010 PTO Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Board members present were Co-Vice-President Mitch Calkins, Treasurer Dave Blask, and Secretary Patti Mirsberger. Also attending were Country Dale Principal Larry Madsen, Maureen Niedermeyer, Aimee Schlueter, Shelly Jackson, Lea Semancik, Beth Castleman, and Tiffany Drahonovsky.

The meeting began with Mr. Madsen's Principal report. MAPS testing is complete and the results are in. WKC testing will begin October 22nd and continue through late November. Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place Thursday, Oct 21st and Tuesday, Oct 26th. Student Council members have been selected by class vote and Mr. Dargis is in charge of Student Council activities. The Knowledge-A-Thon will take place Tuesday, November 2nd from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Pledge sheets and information about the K-A-T have been sent home to parents.

Treasurer Dave Blask provided Income and Expense sheets for the PTO Budget. Our Fall Fundraiser goal was \$4000 and we fell significantly short of that goal with a profit of approximately \$2400. We discussed doing a different kind of fundraiser in the future; possibly taking over the administration of the Knowledge-A-Thon. Several of the parents attending the meeting suggested that we communicate the results of all fundraisers to the parents and give more recognition. We could post results on our PTO Wikispace.

GymJam was a success. Patti Mirsberger will make a spreadsheet to help us plan our concessions better in future years. Thanks to Dave Blask and all the parents who volunteered to make GymJam lots of fun.

Aimee Schlueter reported on the Box Tops program. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. It would be *extremely* helpful if parents and students could clip their Box Tops more carefully, or better yet, volunteer to help with the program.

Aimee Schlueter is also running the Scrip program this year. Through Scrip, Country Dale earns a percentage of each gift card that is purchased. Dave Blask will help Aimee to compile a wish list of companies that should be included in the Scrip program. Aimee will try to have the Scrip order list ready by the first week of November with orders being due by Thanksgiving.

Beth Castleman is in charge of the Campbell's Soup Labels program. Country Dale accumulates about 7500 points per year and the points can be used to purchase items in the Campbell's catalog. In the past we have used the points to purchase gym balls, library items, and games for the Carnival among other things.

Shelly Jackson has completed the school directory. CDs will be distributed to parents during Parent/Teacher conferences. Many thanks to Shelly and all the volunteers who helped make the directory this year!

Maureen Niedermeyer is running Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 25, 2010. There will be no charge for hot dogs or beverages, however donations will be accepted. Maureen will send out another reminder of the event in Friday folders.

Family Olympics is coming up on Tuesday, November 23rd.

PTO Board positions of President and Secretary will be available in the 2011-2012 school year. Current board members will make a list of the responsibilities of their positions and give an estimate of how much time they devote to those positions. Parents could work together by being Co-Presidents and Co-Secretaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.