

## **Executive Board, present**

*President – Sharon Frey*

*Absent – Vice President – Billie Jo Healy*

*Absent – Secretary – Jackie Hawkins*

*Absent – Treasurer – Heather O'Brien-Bruno*

## **Opening Meeting on March 23, 2010 at 7:08pm**

Sharon Frey motioned to open the meeting.

The new interim Assistant Principal, Mr. Fraioli was introduced to the PTO. Mr. Fraioli will be shared with GIS and will be with us through the end of the school year.

## **Old Business:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Sharon Frey presented the minutes from the last meeting (January 26, 2010). There was no motion to change the minutes so they were put into official records. Cyndi Sass motioned to accept the minutes and Nicole Petrakis seconded the motion.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Frey presented the current budget. The Tricky Tray brought in \$7510.00 with \$685.29 in expenses with a profit of \$6824.71. There were over 120 raffles items and it was a fantastic turnout with more than 350 people in attendance.

## **Items of Note:**

- **Yearbook:** The yearbook is underway and in the design process. Candid pictures are still needed ASAP. They must be received no later than spring break. Send pictures via e-mail to [saspto@gcsny.org](mailto:saspto@gcsny.org) or send hard copies to Tammy Hough. Hard copier of pictures will not be returned. Label the pictures with names of people in the photos.
- **Book Fair:** April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - Lots of volunteers are needed. Caroline Devenney is the chairperson and a co-chairperson is needed.
- **Fashion Republic:** This may run along with the book fair. A truck would be collecting clothes, shoes, stuffed animals, toys, etc. that will be donated to the needy. Clothes should be in a plastic bag and toys should be in a box. The PTO gets money based on the amount of weight of items collected.
- **Fun Night:** Rescheduled to April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8:30pm. The theme is Music and Movement Night with a beach theme. Wear your beach attire and enjoy the DJ. Volunteers needed.
- **Carnival Night:** May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm to 9pm. Lots of volunteers needed to make this successful. Activities to include bouncy houses, face painting, kid's tricky tray, popcorn, cotton candy, and games.
- **School Kidz Supply Kits:** Order forms will go out after spring break and will be due back in early May. Prices will be: \$20.00 for kindergarten, \$28.00 for first grade and \$21.00 for second grade. Kits will be distributed at the "Meet and Greets" before school starts. Backpacks and water bottles will be available as well.
- **Field Trips "K":** Mrs. Murphy brought back the ideas expressed at the last PTO meeting to the kindergarten teachers. The teachers were not comfortable with a walking trip into town with this age group of kids. The Middletown Museum can only handle 1 class at a time, so bus costs would be high. The teachers decided they would prefer a Mad Science Assembly, "Fire & Ice," to go along with their science curriculum. Denise Streichenwein motioned to vote on having an assembly for the kindergarten class with Mad Science for under \$1000. Liz Barbrack seconded the motion and it was voted in.

- **Shed Purchase:** Mr. Fraioli presented 3 options for a shed to replace the one that blew away due to high winds. The options were a 6x8 resin shed for \$598.00, a 6x8 metal shed with sliding doors for \$626.18 and a 6x8 wood shed for \$749.00. Mr. Fraioli presented the sheds in order of preference by the staff along with the pros and cons of each shed. Amanda Grunenburg motioned to purchase and install the resin shed. Heidi Thurtle seconded the motion and it was voted in.
- **Board Nominations:** Next meeting board nominations will take place. All 4 positions are open for nominations, but Secretary and Vice President positions will be vacated. A nomination will need to come from another member on the floor. Call BJ or Sharon for more information. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

### **Open Forum:**

- Sharon Frey brought up that in the past the PTO has purchased the second graders a book as a gift called How to be Cool in Third Grade. There are approximately 232 kids in second grade and it could be about \$4 to \$5 per book. Paula Holmes will research book pricing and bring the information back to the April meeting.
- Supply Purchases: A PTO member is dissolving her small business and has 3 bounce houses, a popcorn machine and a snow cone machine for sale. The pricing would be \$2000.00 for the large bounce house, \$1500.00 for each of the smaller bounce houses, and \$500.00 each for the popcorn and snow cone machines. Discussion resulted in a suggestion to possibly split costs with GIS PTO. Also, maintenance concerns were discussed along with storage issues. Sharon will discuss this with GIS PTO and bring this back to the April meeting.
- Sharon Frey discussed C.J. Hooker's Family Bowling Night on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at Colonial Lanes. Pre-register by Friday.
- Sharon Frey mentioned to the PTO that she has received many "Thank You's" and notes from the staff and faculty at SAS for all the PTO does. We have been highly acknowledged and appreciated.
- Amanda Grunenburg needs a replacement for the Donate-a-Book program. Roe Rampulla will be the new chairperson for this program.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed. Stacie Orzell mentioned 3 programs: Cash for Gold Extravaganza, Create your own recipe book and a Concert. Friendly's also offers to donate 20% of the check for a specific night along with donating ice cream for events. Other ideas mentioned were: Movie Night at Chester Cinemas, Kids Clubhouse to create stationary.

Mary Zacharkevics motioned to close the meeting at ?????? pm and Heidi Thurtle seconded it.