

## Hamilton Elementary PTO

### Board Meeting

October 17, 2011

*Present: Craig Hoekstra, Cindy Kleinheksel, Amy Rudolph, Jennifer Stork, Andy Rienstra*

## 1. Welcome/ Introductions

### 1. Review budget/ Treasurer Report

An updated copy of the budget was handed out. The preliminary numbers for the Fall Fundraiser are in, and it looks like we are up from last year.

The Everything for Kids' Sale made a profit of \$800.00. There were some start up costs (i.e. building racks), since this was the first sale, so profits will probably be higher in the spring. The gym was a good location for the sale, but if it grows we will have to find a new location.

We have received a rewards check from Meijer.

Amy paid for 6 months of storage, and shirts were purchased for the Young Fives and new Kindergarten students.

We discussed how field trip are going to be funded. Because the district has not set a field trip budget yet, teachers are currently using their PTO classroom money (\$1200 per grade level) for the bus fees.

We hope to sell more calendars, and will put them out at the School Wear Sale.

### 1. Any leads on Vice-President?

We are still hoping that someone will step forward to help with this.

### 1. New Chairs - YEAH!!!

\*Just need one for Moments with Mom (and food for Fun Night)

Since our last meeting, people have stepped forward to chair some of the open events. An updated list was passed out.

### 1. Hamilton Elementary T-shirts

\*Requests for new ones

\*Update from Superior Sports - Cindy

Cindy contacted Superior Sports to see if they would be willing to allow parents to place their own orders, if their shirts are stained, too small, etc. Superior is not able to do this as we had hoped.

Bentheim students each have a t-shirt. Each grade level has their own color, and the shirts are purchased by the parents. Jennifer will call and get the details about how they make this work for students who can't pay.

### 1. Popcorn

\*Seems to be running smoothly

\*Wait on new machine???

Jody reported that the machine was working fine the first Popcorn Friday. Maybe the rest over the summer was all that it needed. We haven't heard from Julie Burch how the machine has done since then.

## 1. New student celebration

\*Do we want to continue and does the budget allow?

In the past, Melva Dykstra has been in charge of New Student Celebrations. When a student would move into a class, she would provide a snack (on that student's first day) for the whole class. We decided to stick with passing out t-shirts to the new students this year, but may continue this celebration in the future.

## 1. Dave Tebo... interested in helping/attending

Mr. Tebo has asked for our meeting dates, and is planning on coming to our November meeting. He recently attended a Bentheim PTO meeting.

## 1. Phone Calls.... do we/chairman need to always go through WISH?

The WISH callers do not have to be the only people to make phone calls, they are a go-between between Judy Boyles (who has the master list of volunteers who are approved) and a chairperson of an event. Often, chair people ask WISH to make the phone calls for them, but it is perfectly acceptable (and even encouraged) for an event chairperson to receive the list of volunteers from WISH, and make their own phone calls.

## 1. Any new business?

We discussed having a Walk-a-thon in the Spring. We've talked about it for many years, it just hasn't worked out yet. Children would spend one day participating in this. At Mr. Hoekstra's children's school, each grade level had a different way of moving (i.e. fifth grade skipped around the track.) Parents can participate with their children. A flat pledge could be made, or pledges could be taken per mile. A deejay was at this event. (We have at least two Hamilton El parents who own deejay equipment.) The owner of the North Pole Ice Cream Shop had expressed interest in donating ice cream for an event like this.

Katie Wettlaufer will not be able to come to the meeting tonight, but asked that the idea of an after school art or music club be brought up. This comes up because of the cuts being made district wide in art and music. Katie does not have experience teaching art or music, but is very willing to help coordinate and promote something like this. Space is available after school at our school. If someone can formulate a solid idea, we would have to determine if this would be PTO sponsored, or a school sponsored event. (Follow up: I did bring up the idea to Amy Klanderman, who taught drama club at Sandyview for years and years. She seems to be interested in the idea of starting something like that up again.)

Mr. Rienstra asked that the teachers be sent an e-mail each month about upcoming PTO events. Hopefully this will encourage more teachers to come to these events, because the children certainly do enjoy seeing them out of the classroom.