

PTA MEETING – October 18, 2011 - MINUTES

Present: Dorothy Pierce, Stacy Payte, Holly O'Donnell, Kristen Meilicke, Kim Zimmerman, Shelly Simmons, Anne Spangler, Ruth Blaikie

Treasurer's Report – Stacy Payte

- Stephanie Ingalls unable to attend unexpectedly tonight to report on Orcathon results in detail
- Funds raised thus far are about \$14,780 as of last Friday, this is a 60% participation rate, when we had hoped for 75% when the rate was lowered from \$100 to \$75. Our goal was \$20,000.
- Of this amount, \$10,000 has been spent on supplies, and 2 copies per child per day.
- Ms. Heineken suggested that we print a half sheet reminder about the fundraiser, and hand it out at teacher conferences with parents. Ms. White suggested that we start earlier in the summer, in August. One new parent to the school indicated she did not know what the \$75 was for, it would be helpful to provide more information.
- The PTA will probably do one more wrap up email, and include the employer match notice.
- Prizes will be awarded at the Veteran's Day assembly.

School Board Candidates Forum

Presentations were made by Diana White and Mark Dillan

Teachers Union – Karyn Heineken

- Ms. Heineken reported the upcoming deadline for the Food Drive, indicated they would not pick up until next Tuesday so there is still time to donate, and a little friendly competition has helped.
- She indicated there will be an upcoming Holiday gift drive
- There is a community group known as Donor's Choice, that is web based, on which we can post a "wish," that will remain up and posted until it is satisfied, this may be a good way to obtain supplies.
- For your information, the "Edmonds Education Association" is a facebook page the union uses, it has a current article about potential budget cuts for schools, including what cuts of \$2 billion look like. The PTA can link it from their facebook page.

Scrip – Nicole Sargent

- If you know what scrip is, please tell 10 friends. If we did not meet the PTA's goal with fundraising, scrip may be a good way to close the gap. Scrip is the same as gift cards. As the user, you don't pay extra for them, but the school gets a cut.
- Order forms have been distributed, they are not on line yet. They will come home periodically, hopefully every week until Christmas, then perhaps less frequently.
- The forms are available in the office, on the website. They include options for pick up of the cards. We hope to distribute scrip forms at every school event

Harvest Party – Shelly Simmons

- Tickets will all be sold at the door this year, a flyer was distributed.
- Set up is expected to be about 2 hours, they still need volunteers, and supplies, including trash bags, spider web, pumpkins, treats for the cake walk.

Upcoming events

Watchdogs event on October 27, 7 pm in the gym. Watchdogs is being run by Brad Sturgill, Jesse Simmons, and Mr. Hart.

Next PTA Meeting is November 15, we hope to have a principal's update, information about STARS, and a safety presentation.