

HERKIMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA

Minutes

Monday, March 1st, 2010

- I.** Meeting called to order at 7:05pm. Officers in attendance: Mike Jory (president)/absent, Pat Kelly (vice-president), Michele Gilbert (treasurer), Kristin Stallman (secretary).
- II.** Secretary's Report (Kristin Stallman). Motion to accept by Michele Gilbert, seconded by Marissa Crandall. Accepted.
- III.** Treasurer's Report (Michele Gilbert). Motion to accept by Angela Coonradt, seconded by Mary Tomaso. Accepted.
- IV.** Principal's Report (Mary Tomaso): Thank you for all of those who helped and supported the Science Fair.

V. New Business

Reading Night/PARP: (Sheriff Farber, Dr. Thomas, and Humane Society possible readers). We got 42 family zoo passes for the Utica Zoo to give away. We may get some tickets for the Bronx Zoo and we are supposed to be getting Water Safari tickets as well. Zoo Mobile will do ½ an hour presentation at app. 7PM.

Mrs. King has spoke with the Zoo Mobile and they will let us kiss anything they can bring except the baby alligator, if the PARP challenge is met. The zoo will donate one of our presentations.

Mary Tomaso made motion to pay for zoo mobile to pay the \$125 for the presentation on March 16th. Pat Kelly seconded it and it was approved. PARP is March 16th-31st.

Credit Card: Michele Gilbert went through the process to get it and since we have two signers we aren't eligible to get one. We will look into a VISA gift card to use to charge items if needed.

May 21st Ride for Missing Children: We will be hosting one of the feeding stations. We should really give some thought there and try to do something big for it.

Carnival March 27th: Bailey's will be coming to perform. Miss Zipko has ordered prizes and is soliciting teachers and clubs to help with games. 4th grade teachers are taking care of the kitchen. We need popcorn. Chinese auction is set as well.

Spring fundraiser idea: another BBQ? Butch Parese is getting into doing that, we will ask for prices. Michele Gilbert has a catalog that she likes. We should put together a fundraising committee to present 3 ideas that are the best after sifting through all of them for next year/fall.

Teacher Appreciation, 6th Grade Graduation, Relay for Life and Field Days will be in June.

Our contact from our local PTA wanted to know how we are doing since she hasn't heard from us in a while.

It is time for the nomination committee to be formed and meet. There is a month to get nominees and then at next meeting we will present out nominations. We need 5 people: Mary Tomaso (chair), Angela Coonradt, Kristin Stallman, Pat Kelly and Marla Stagliano. The committee will report at next meeting.

Field Trips: We cut it out of our budget for last year and while the number of field trips hasn't changed the cost has increased and after grade level meetings Mary Tomaso will have a better idea how much will be needed to cover field trips probably \$1000.00.

Canned Food Drive 22nd-26th Herkimer is in charge of canned veggies. Miss Stagliano is serving as an administrative intern.

Thank to PE department for all of their efforts with Jumprope for Heart

Website: Brian reported nothing new there other than a fundraiser e-mail.

V. Old Business: Kindergarten Orientation book was ordered and it \$250. The planners were ordered \$1220. The Hope for Haiti wristbands app. \$1860. The bill was \$322.50. Motion was made by Mary Tomaso to divide the profit between Save the Children and Red Cross, seconded by Michele Gilbert and all was approved.

Meeting Day? Can we change them to Tuesday? We will leave it on Mondays for this year and look at changing it next year.

Lucky winner: Amie Mergenthaler , of a \$10 gift card Hannaford.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm, motion to adjourn Angela Coonradt and seconded by Michele Gilbert. Next meeting on April , 2010.