

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
PTO MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

I. Called to order at 7:15 pm. - Kris Freda welcomed everyone; 2 officers in attendance & 2 Parents; babysitting was not provided.

II. January PTO Minutes & January Treasurer's Report –Review and vote - the group was asked to review the minutes and Treasurers' Report. Kara Lefebber motioned to accept the minutes & Reports, Jennifer Pandorf seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Open Officer Positions – Please consider volunteering - The PTO is seeking replacements for this School year for the following positions:

**Vice President
Secretary**

IV. Open Committee Positions – Please consider volunteering – You will have a committee of parents to help you

Committee Chairs needed 2012-2013 School Year:

- Family Fun Nights – there are many volunteers just need a chair
- Hospitality (Central)
- Kindergarten Orientation – Date May 2, 2013
- Staff Appreciation (Central) – Week of May 13th
- Book Fair (Liberty) – Aimee Pfeiffer volunteered to chair the March Book fair only; we will still need a chair for the last book fair in May.

V. New Business

Reminder that the March meeting we will be voting on new Officers and confirming the list of Chairperson's for next year's events. Please pass the word around and thank you for your continued support!

- Kara Lefebber mentioned that she may chair Assemblies with Karen Grove next year.
- Jennifer Pandorf and Kara Lefebber volunteered to chair Kindergarten Orientation next year.

VI. Events started/completed since last meeting – (Committee chair reports)

- Harvest Day/Fall Festival – Completed still open payables to chair; Nickole needs paperwork from Chair; Kris Freda will send the Chair an email.
- January Market Day - Completed
- Holiday Shop (Central) – Completed with a loss of \$113.64
- Holiday Shop (Liberty) – Completed with a loss of \$112.90 (Jennifer Pandorf questioned why there was a loss for both schools; Nickole Whelan explained that there had been losses in the past as well. The PTO does not mark up the items sold for this event it is usually just a wash. Nickole believes that there are a number of different reasons why this could have happened. An amount for a certain code could possibly have been entered into the cash register incorrectly when it was set up or codes could have been written incorrectly on the children's sheets for their items when brought to the register.)
- Labels for Education contest - Completed, winners to be announced via loud speakers & PTO mail blast.

VII. Current/Upcoming Events (Kris or Chairs)

- Box Tops – Contest runs to 2/15/13 for a pizza party winner announced beginning of March
- Families in Need Committee - Kids Junction/Families in need Flyer awaiting approval from Mrs. Kotcho – You can donate Gently used children's clothes, shoes, baby items and toys to the Kid Junction using a code number **"GMRSD PTO # 5833"** then families in need will be able to shop at any time for their children using a voucher provided by the school. (The PTO does not determine the Families' in need this is done in strict confidence with the Principals and Nurses of each school; the PTO hands over the vouchers and they will decide who receives them.)
- Market Day – Order by date 2/19/13 / Pick Up date 02/25/13
- Book Fair (Central) – 3/4/13 to 3/8/13 – The theme for the book fair is Science Lab.
- Slumber Party – March 6th 7:00 to 8:30 PM @ Central School Gym for both Liberty and Central Students. There will be book readings in the class from 7:00 to 8:00 PM; the Book Fair will open from about 7:45 to 8:30. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. This event is funded by a grant to the Great Meadows Regional Education Association (GMREA) as part of PRIDE in our schools and any money allocated by the PRIDE has to have the GMREA and PRIDE logo listed.
- Book Fair (Liberty) - 3/11/13 to 3/15/13
- Spring fundraiser – Mixed bag designs; catalogs have been ordered for both schools and will be handed out to the students the week of March 1st.

VIII. Open Discussion

- Babysitting will be moved to the Music Room at GMMS, children are asked to please not touch any of the instruments Thank You!!
- Central School was granted \$250.00 by Kris Freda and Nickole Whelan from the Author Day Budget to buy supplies for the Cat in the Hat Birthday Celebration Read Across America Event. The money will be used to buy the Cat in the Hat Happy Birthday book and supplies. This same type of event will be held at Liberty School as well but was paid for by a special grant (For Liberty School only) this is why the PTO is funding the event for Central School.
- The estimated balance for Teachers Grants for this year is around \$1,200.00, a date will be determined and announced shortly for when any new grants will be voted on and how we will determine which will get paid if all grants submitted are over the remaining balance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Our next meeting is March 13, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. at the GMMS Café with free babysitting.