

JLPA Meeting Minutes

Meeting held November 13th in the Library

Welcome

Maureen Morris (Vice President) called the meeting to order.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

A motion to approval of the October 2007 minutes was made by Wendy Ortega and seconded by Vicky D'Agostino. All are in favor.

Principal's Report

Karen Brimecombe

- On November 2nd we hosted a Hot Schools Presentation.
- They may need to schedule another day because we had to turn people away.
- It was a great day, the visitors were amazed at the kids and everything that was going on here. Teachers, Principals and Administrators were in attendance. Student Senators gave tours.
- Assessments are currently being done in preparation for Progress Reports.
- Field Trips and residencies are going well.
- A teacher wish list has been given to the Grant Committee.

Guest Speaker

Chris Bertz – Health Educator

- Here today to talk about the Community Round Up that will take place on December 1st.
- The Community Round Up is a food drive for grades 3-12 with 3-4 students participating per car. The Women's Club provides a breakfast. Teams register and get a route kids go out with adults and knock on doors looking for donations of canned goods.
- Last year there were 15-18 teams from John Lyman that participated. Overall there were 377 participants.
- 13000 canned goods were collected.
- Permission slips are given to parents so you know who is driving.
- A prize donation (set of 4) is being requested to give to the Lyman team that comes in with the most canned goods.
- Maureen Morris makes a motion to spend up to \$20 on books for a donation to the Community Round Up, Stacey Durand seconds. All are in favor. Stacey to purchase at the book fair and hand off to Chris prior to the round up.

Executive Reports

President – Maureen Morris on behalf of Janice Keeman

- The Traveler’s grant of \$500 was cut and will be to JLPA by December 31st.

Vice President – Maureen Morris

- The response for the car wash baskets has been week. There was discussion of doing away with the Walmart basket but keeping the school body basket and the Into The Woods basket. Maureen will discuss it with Janice.

Treasurer – Tracy Leahy

- Reviewed the cash flow reports.
- The Hot School fee of \$2300 was paid.
- Internet sales of approximately \$350 for the wrapping paper fundraiser are still due in. We are about \$1000 short of budget.
- The financial history (going back 2 years) has been loaded onto Tracy’s computer.

Secretary – Stacey Durand

- A sympathy basket was sent to Nancy Fishell.

Ways and Means – Wendy Ortega

- The T-shirts will be delivered before the Holiday. They will be orange with a “Wild for John Lyman” slogan.

Committee Chair reports/comments

Reading Counts – Sharon McDermott

- No updates at this time.

Brewster/Korn Liaison – Sharon McDermott

- No updates at this time.

School Banking – Robin Fujio

- No updates at this time.

Writers Wall – Heidi DeFlippo

- The literary board has started for this school year.

Integrated Update – Cathy Hinsch

- Next issue will be January 2008.

Programs – Janice Keeman

- No updates at this time

Nature Trail/Garden Committee – Lucy Meigs

- The children gave the Hot School Committee a tour of the trails.
- There has been vandalism to the area; if anyone has any information please let us know.
- The Garden committee clean up was a big success. It was mentioned that more parents volunteering would be helpful.

Hospitality – Joanne Badin

- No update at this time.

Yearbook – Deanna Scozzari

- No update at this time.

Box Tops – Karen Collins

- Our next check will be for \$525 – This is the most we have taken in since Karen took over.

Grants – Lucy Meigs and Julie Linden

- Actively looking to see what else is out there that we can apply for.
- Karen has talked to the staff and a wish list has been generated.
- Julie will ask Bernadette to send an email to the distribution to see if anyone has any contacts/leads.

Corn Booth – Diane Breton/Deanna Scozzari

- No updates at this time.

Email Distribution – Bernadette Basil

- No updates at this time.

Old Business

- Go Far – Jen Shulten – The students have racked up 680 miles in less than 3 weeks.
- There are many parent volunteers which is great.
- There will be a Turkey Trot next week to encourage participation. \$100 was needed to purchase chain necklaces for all participants. Stacey Durand made a motion to a spend \$100. Cathy Hirsch seconded and all approved.
- Currently working on a start date with Brewster School.
- Also working on a plan for the winter months.

New Business

- In regards to the Cranium fundraiser, a suggestion was made to have teachers compile a list of games they would like for the classroom. Similar to the book fair lists, parents can then purchase them if they would like. Lucy Meigs will look into this.
- The Inter-Disciplinary team would like to have a long term relationship with The Palace Theater.
- Katie Couric's play, an anti bully themed play, called "The Brand New Kid" is at the Palace on January 31st. We are currently looking for grants to offset this expense. A suggestion was made to use the \$1800 from the CT Cultural Tourism grant to offset the play. A motion was made by Wendy Ortega to spend the \$1800 for the field trip to The Palace.

Closing

Meeting adjourned

Stacey Durand made a motion, Vicky D'Agostino seconded and all are in favor.

Minutes taken by Stacey Durand