

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

President: Bridget Newmiller

- A. Assistant Treasurer position has opened up- Announce/Co-treasurer position. Nomination forms on website (due back to school by Sept. 23, 3:30 PM). Amy Becton will be running the nomination committee. If more than one nominee then run election one week (ballots due back to school by Oct. 1, 3:30 PM). Wednesday, Oct. 14 new Assistant Co-Treasurer in place.
- B. Volunteer Update- Over 210 volunteers (over ½ school's family population). Leadership/Coordinators positions opened (contact Bridget or Board Members if interested): Basket Raffle, Restaurants, Refunding, 1st Grade Books, Blood Drive (spring), Lending Library (will be in foyer).
- C. Green Initiative- Spring-Ford decision. Check www.uphsa.org (check Wednesday Folders). Also check UPE's website. We will be utilizing mass emails (reminder to check Wednesday Folders on website). Information Boards in foyer as well as bus hallway. Parents requesting activity calendar and lunch menu together (concerns that it is hard to find information). Dr. Patschke informed of the district desire for schools websites to be uniformed in certain aspects. Dr. Patschke will mention this to Dr. Hurda's office-it is a learning year for all of us.

Vice President: Denise Wiggins

- A. Keeping with same web master.
- B. Committee chairs funnel information through Board Members.
- C. Keep checking website, constantly updating.

Secretary: Ricki Sodicoff-No report

Treasurer: Paola Murphy (absent). Report given by Denise Wiggins

- A. Opt Out- \$4,510.00 taken in. Those who opted out may still see fundraising material, no need to participate.
- B. Donations- \$644.45.
- C. Kid Stuff Books-local merchants discounts. \$25 per book. Sell 5 books, get one Free. Home and School makes \$12.50 per book sold. Return books if you are not buying.

Principal's Report: Dr. Patschke:

- A. USS Providence will be utilized for school wide theme. There will be cruise ship activities and excursions to go along with this theme as well as "Captain Overboard".
- B. Montgomery County Community College- select UPE classrooms will be video taped to help educate beginning education majors. If student's classroom is used, there will be a permission slip to sign (optional). Other seating arrangements will be made if slip isn't signed.
- C. Author Carol McCloud who wrote Have You Filled a Bucket Today? visited UPE last week. Students heard a presentation
- D. 2003-2004 first year for UPE. Those 4th Graders now in 10th Grade. They made a memory chest. Will be invited back during their 12th Grade year to unveil the chest. This will begin a connection of high school students with UPE students.
- E. Going Green. Want to find the fine line of communications where it isn't over or

under communicating.

- F. **Connections and Networking.** Dr. Patschke discussed numerous organizations that she is affiliated with and about numerous articles that she has written. She also attended a convention where she heard Colin Powell speak. Dr. Patschke suggested reading Today Matters by John C. Maxwell. It discusses self-checks and what you are doing today that matters down the road.

Staff Representative:

- A. Mrs. Zell (nurse)-Look at her web page for a monthly news letter Nutrition Nugget. Has met with all classrooms. Introducing Henry the Hand (www.henrythehand.com). Another interactive health site www.scrubclub.org. Health screenings will begin. In need of size 6, 8 and 10 clothing-pants and shirts. Posted soon will be district guidelines for food, latex and bee sting allergies. Question about swine flu-school district is following The Health Dept. Guidelines.
- B. Mrs. Lare (2nd Grade)-Thank you from the teachers for the beautification-bulletin boards, ice cream treats for their first week back and the classroom funds that the Home and School has provided for each teacher.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Recycling/ Refunding** (Becky Chaban). She spoke about new green recycling projects at UPE (rechargeable batteries, Capri Sun, Nabisco wrappers). Look at Terracycle.net. Also, check our website www.uphsa.org.
- B. **Book Fair** (Gail Pergine). September 29-30. Pizza night will be September 29th. Money made given to Mrs. Pfluger to purchase items for the library. Need volunteers for Tuesday 3:30-8:00 (shifts). Preorder new Diary of Wimpy Kid.
- C. **Original Works** (Kelly Griffin). Projects worked on with Miss Winkler. Come home with a 4x6 magnet in October. List of items you can purchase. Monies due back in November and will be delivered in time for holidays.
- D. **Hospitality and Spirit Wear** (Kelley Olsen and Kelli Offshack). Teacher dinner week of conferences in November. In need of desserts and drinks. Food ordered from Roccas. Still selling spirit wear. Thinking of new products to order. Question of should items say UPE or Spring-Ford Rams. Can order through EmbroidMe -Home and School gets 3%. Any ideas of other companies that we can also order through. Hair bows, check website.
- E. **School Store** (Jennifer Schulte and Jill Brown). Buy coupons from the school store for birthday favors. Can be bought in different increments.
- F. **Munch with Monsters.** Fall fundraising event. October 24th. Will be 2 seatings. Tickets bought in advance, first selling Oct. 14, Home and School meeting. More information on web.

New Business:

- A. SNAP (Jean Lare). May 15th. Passport Around the World. Looking for help to work on a country. 783 students attend the event for free. Brings community together. Monthly fundraisers. Check www.sfsnap.org.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:20 PM Gail Pergine-1st and Amy Becton-2nd

Next meeting: October 14, 9:30 AM