

## Lincoln Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2011

**Present:** Linda Berry, Molly Woodle, Linda Pizzato, Judy Mulvihill, Susan Khairallah, Chris Barr, Rene DelSignore, Lara Kowalski, Betsy Griebenow, Debbie Caccamo, Don Angelaccio.

### I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Linda Berry at 10:00 a.m.

### II. Reading and Approval of minutes (September)

- The minutes for the 9/8/11 meeting were approved.

### III. Executive Reports

#### Treasurer

**Judy Mulvihill**

- The treasurer's report was presented and will be filed for audit.
- Dynamite Night made a profit of approximately \$1300. Still waiting to hear from the cafeteria about getting a credit for returned drinks.
- The No Stress Fundraiser is doing well. Already at \$4918 which is just \$82 short of the budgeted goal of \$5000.

#### Membership

**Judy Mulvihill**

- Sent in the first payment of national and state PTA membership dues.
- Currently at 337 members with just a few teachers. Goal is 500 members.
- Need to have a special teacher membership drive and also perhaps an e-mail to 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Linda Berry will work with Maggie (Membership) and Amy and Sara (Staff Appreciation) to coordinate October date with copies of forms.
- Will be sending out membership cards by attaching them to the directory. The directory is almost completed, just waiting for the art work. Goal is to send this out by the end of October.
- YMCA offered \$10 to put an ad in the directory. Currently, Lincoln PTA does not have ads in the directory.

#### President

**Linda Berry**

- Most board members have signed the PTA Code of Ethics form. If you have not turned in your form, please return as soon as possible.

#### Principal

**Don Angelaccio**

- Thank you for an excellent Dynamite Night event. It was well run and organized and greatly attended.
- The fall season is just past the midterm point. There were no mailings for midterm grades. Instead, e-mails were sent to parents to check the parent portal for grades. Currently 95% of families have internet access. Report cards are still mailed home for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in order to insure that parents receive student grades. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report cards are given to students at the end of the year for attendance purposes.
- Parent/teacher conference information will be sent out in the newsletter soon. Had feedback on the open house concept of the past few years. The greater demand is for the more traditional conferences. Parents of at-risk students will still be contacted to schedule a conference. The remaining time slots will be opened up to other parents. On November 7, a schedule will be posted on the website to view time slots and e-mail the team leaders with requests. Parents will be scheduled on a first come first served basis. There will be no open house this year.

- Today is the Rocky Run to celebrate the students in cross country that qualified for sectionals.
- Tryouts next week for basketball and pom.
- Fitness Club will be starting soon. Clubs in progress include Lego, home economics, service, art, yearbook, and variety show.
- PHS Marching Band will perform here next week at 8 a.m. If the weather is good and the ground is dry, they will perform outside for an all school assembly. Otherwise, for bad weather, the band will perform in the gym for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and band members only.
- Red Ribbon Week is at the end of the month. Lincoln Leaders are assisting in the planning. There will be activities on healthy living and positive choices. The week will cumulate with a PEP assembly and the V-Show.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade families have received PHS registration materials. Placement tests are on October 29 and the make-up on November 5.
- For Halloween, students will be having a wear orange or black day.
- November 4, report cards will be sent home for the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.
- Upcoming field trips include
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Field Museum
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – theater trip
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Holocaust Museum
- Looking forward to the November 18 author visit.

#### Teacher

- No report.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### 6th Grade Activities

##### Patti Philippe

- Skate Party is Friday, November 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Orbit Skate Rink.
- Forms were sent to each advisory class and were put on line through the school web site. There are also extra forms in the office. Forms need to be filled out and turned in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. No walk-ins will be allowed.
- Asked the PTA for an extra \$50.00 to cover the rental, so the event would be free for all the students (only have to pay for skates if you need them, can bring your own).
- E-mails were sent to the parents that said they would help out with open gym, waiting to hear back.
- Forms are already coming back. Should be a good turn out.

##### Market Day

##### Patti Philippe

- Still have time to turn in your order form to school (Mon. is due date) or order on-line.
- Pick-up is Thursday, October 20, from 2-3 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Talked to Mr. Ruggiero and he will have a few students that are able to help carry the boxes for the customers to their cars.

##### Dynamite Night

##### Rene DelSignore

- Ticket sales for all grades were \$2314.
- There were 514 students in attendance for all grades which is 75% of the school. 196 6<sup>th</sup> graders attended which is 81%. 318 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended which is 70%.
- For activities, majority of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders played the games and the majority of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed the dancing.
- There is left over candy available for use by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities or 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Open Gym.

## **Newsletter**

**Monica Cantu**

- The PTA newsletter will become a quarterly publication. It will have a parent resource focus and reinforce what is going on in the student's advisories.
- It will also include any PTA updates. Announcements that need to go out sooner than the newsletter can be included in any of the school's newsletters or Friday emails.

## **Publicity**

**Lara Kowalski**

- Currently working on updating Lincoln PTA website with current board member names and e-mail addresses. Also updating committee descriptions.
- Will be adding access to newsletter and meeting minutes.
- Linda Berry would like both Publicity and Newsletter to be under one committee, "Communications."

## **V. Old Business**

### **Approve changes to Bylaws**

- To be discussed at next meeting.

### **Distribution Process for Academic Enrichment Funds**

- To be discussed at next meeting.

### **Teacher Appreciation – Update**

- Linda Berry discussed making appreciation into a monthly event with Staff Appreciation chairs, Sara Cilia and Amy Romanelli.
- Current plans for the next few months are:
  - October – caramel apples.
  - November – catered dinner from Salerno's during conference time.
  - December – candy canes or other holiday treats.
  - January – coffee and donuts.
- Will still have the big staff appreciation event in May.

## **VI. New Business**

### **Cultural Arts**

**Betsy Griebenow**

- Author Jordon Sonnenblick will be visiting on Friday, November 18. There will be book order forms available. The author speaks well to the middle school age group and has some really good messages about life.
- Betsy has studied abroad in France and will be giving a talk to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade French class. She would like to bring in food (such as cheese or crepes), if possible, with use of permission slips. Don Angelaccio offered the use of "the Wellness Lab" (former home economics room) in order to facilitate the bringing of food.
- The next dates available for cultural arts activities at school are January 27, and February 10 or 17. Don would like to have something more culturally diverse. Betsy is looking into bringing back the photo journalist who has visited Lincoln in the past.

### **Ski Club**

- Per Linda Berry, Eileen Mantych has offered to coordinate a PTA ski club now that there is no longer a school club.
- Eileen is currently in the planning stages. She is thinking of maybe 2 ski trips and 1 tubing trip.
- Don mentioned that for the Martin Luther King long weekend and the President's Day long weekend, the school still has reservations at the ski sites used previously.

**VII. Announcements**

**VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.