

Wood-Ridge PTA  
General Membership Meeting/Teacher's Reception  
Tuesday, September 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Plaza at 7:10 P.M. Madeline led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and read a poem. The minutes were read and approved; the treasurer's report was read and will be filed for audit.

Linda Plaza welcomed everyone and informed that there was PTA information at the door.

Correspondence: Bonnie read two scholarship thank-yous from Michelle Ayvas and Alysha DeNicholo; thank you from Jim Vespa for 25 year gift; thank you card from Carol Rose for our generosity and well-wishes; Mr. Fulco thanked us for the Kindergarten Tea and there was a thank you from Ms. Radulich for our condolences.

Membership: Patty Trotter, membership chairperson, spoke about the importance of being a PTA Member and what we do for the children. Patty gave the breakdown of the membership fees.

Legislature: N/A

Cheerio: Madeline reported that she sent two get well cards and a sympathy card to Mrs. Woods for her loss.

People That Act: President Linda Plaza made the People That Act (PTA) presentation honoring the lunch aids. She read a poem and gave certificates to the lunch aids from all schools.

Program Reports:

- a. Class Parent Coordinators: Linda introduced the class parent coordinators for all three schools and Lisa Mele spoke about have equal goodies at parties and that forms are still coming in for class parents to be chosen.
- b. Cultural Enrichment: Dawn Rywalt gave a report about the upcoming programs and assemblies funded by the PTA. Pick-A-Packet will now be introduced to the fourth grade.
- c. Health & Safety: Carolyn Lewis, new chairperson, is looking for committee members to help out.
- d. PTA Website: Dawn Rywalt spoke about putting the calendar on the website and also forms and announcements.

Unfinished Business:

- a. 2005-2006 Audit: Treasurer Barbara Fishkelta has been in contact with our accountant and he report will be filed.
- b. Back-To-School Packs: Chairperson Kendall Garvin - 190 students received Back-To-School packs - there were some problems with them.

Unfinished Business: (continued)

- c. Calendar: Chairperson Gigi Cunha thanked everyone for their help and explained the calendar process to everyone.
- d. Father's Day Sale: Father's Day Sale went well - 77 participants: "A Hero For My Hero" from the Lighthouse restaurant in town was the gift for the fathers last year.
- e. Mother's Day Sale: Leigh Muoio sold \$553 worth of Mother's Day gifts.
- f. Puttin on the Hits: Chairpersons Bonnie Campagna and Susan Porro report over 100 students participated and that they sold out the High School auditorium.
- g. Teacher Appreciation Day: Marilyn Sherman thanked Dominick Azzolini and Pinnacle Supermarket for all their years of catering service for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheons. This will be Marilyn's final year of chairing this event.

Dr. Guiliano spoke before Committee Reports were given because she had to leave. She reported that there was a smooth opening in all the schools and thanked everyone.

Michelle Timpson was introduced as Committee Liaison, a new chair position.

Committee Reports:

- a. Book Fair (Doyle): The book fair will be October 25th in the Media Center at Doyle; we have a library voucher; we keep 30% of the profits and they will run the book fair at night.
- b. Book Fair (Ostrovsky): Linda Plaza reported that the middle school book fair will be on November 13th and they need volunteers.
- c. Box Tops For Education: There is a new chairperson for Box Tops this year and she got up and said hello.
- d. Computer Ink Jet Cartridges: Beth Galloway will be chairing this fundraiser this year and will be collecting used ink jets.
- e. Holiday Boutique: Patti Trotter and Denise DeCarolis are chairing this even for the sixth year. They are doing a lot of independent shopping; gifts will be broken down in categories; they need people to donate items, help children shop, wrap gifts and more. The Holiday Boutique will be in the middle school on December 5th and Doyle December 7th.
- f. Kid Stuff Coupon Books: Jackie Macri is chairperson of this fundraiser and reports that the fundraiser will run from October 5 - 24th. The books are \$25 a piece, we keep 50% of the profits and if you sell five books you get one for free.
- g. Middle School Halloween Celebration: Chairperson Janet Robol not present - flyers will go out early October and she will be getting list of volunteers.
- h. Ragamuffin Parade: There are two new chairpersons for this event. Linda Tomat and Diana Winslow stood up and said hello.
- i. Reflections: Chairperson Debbie Schweiger spoke about this National Program. The theme this year is "My favorite place." This is Mrs. Schweigers 15th year with this event and she encourages all to participate. The entries are due on the first of November in the offices.

Committee Reports: (continued)

j. School Pictures: Laura Sharkey reported that pictures will be taken Tuesday, the 19th at Doyle and Wednesday, the 20th at the Middle School. She is looking for a replacement.

k. Wood-Ridge Spirit Sale: We are selling stadium seats this year. We had a problem last year - we received the wrong items - sweat-shirts are now on sale left over from last year.

L. Wrapping Paper Sale: The wrapping paper fundraiser was kicked off yesterday and it is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Our budget is \$25,000 - very important fundraiser; don't let the kids go door to door; take to work; Innesbrook has superior wrapping paper; we have used them over 10 years; there will be additional prizes; gift cards and lunch with principal days. This fundraiser pays in a large part for our Cultural Enrichment programs.

New Business:

a. By-Laws (Vote): our by-laws are up for renewal-no changes. A motion was made by Mr. Buettler and seconded by Gigi Cunha - all in favor - by-laws accepted as is.

b. 2006-2006 Budget: A motion was made by Mr. Berlingo and seconded by Ms. Strickneywitz - all in favor - budget approved.

c. Nominating Committee: We formed a nominating committee at our executive board meeting; there will be two positions to fill. There were two volunteers from the general membership Monica Rosco and Barbara Japinsky. The teacher on the committee will be Mr. Berlingo once again.

Mr. Fulco, Principal of Doyle School spoke first. He welcomes everyone and thanked the lunch aids as well. Introduced new staff and asked for prayers for new staff member Barbara Scalone's son, Georgio Scalone.

Mr. Recchione, Principal of the Middle School, also thanked the lunch aids and introduced new staff members also. Stressed parent involvement in the PTA.

From the High School, Principal Dr. Fredericks and Assistant Principal Mr. Corbo were introduced. Dr. Fredericks is returning to us for one year and Mr. Corbo, Vice Principal, has a new position. The schedules have been re-vamped; High School Back-To-School night this Thursday; Pep Rally Friday; New Golf Club and thanked the PTA for their support.

Announcements:

- . Back-To-School Night @ High School-September 14, 2006
- . Back-To-School Night @ Doyle-September 19, 2006
- . Back-To-School Night @ Ostrovsky-September 28, 2006
- . Next Executive Board Meeting-October 10, 2006
- . PTA County Council Dinner Meeting-October 24, 2006-6:30 P.M. @ Excelsior
- . Next General Meeting-November 14, 2006
- . Please support Project Graduation-Buy Market Day

Linda Plaza thanked Jackie and Christine for the Hospitality Committee refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Sherman  
Recording Secretary