

Elmwood Elementary Parents' Club Meeting Minutes **9/1/09, 6:30 P.M.**

Present: Becky Bledsoe-Hunt, Kim Sims, Lisa Roberts, Leigh Becker, Teryan Newman, Monica Lampe, Chris Musgrave, Nicole Lindsey, Kim Dutton, Wendy Hale, Christine Dunkel, Lori Johnson, Amy Guppy, Eulail Huffcutt, Colleen Karn, Elizabeth Livengood, Tony Frost

1. Meeting called to order by Becky Bledsoe-Hunt, President.
 - Introductions were made. Sign-up sheets for various activities and events were passed around.
2. Minutes from the April 2009 meeting were approved as read.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - No official Treasurer's Report was available due to Jamie's absence. (Jamie later informed Becky that there is approximately \$7700 in the account.)
4. Mr. Frost's Report
 - Thanked all the parents for their devotion and for being at the meeting. He encouraged everyone to continue to invite other parents to participate.
 - Golf Outing went well. It was a lot of work but the efforts were well-received and the money will be put to good use.
 - We cannot use the emails on student school registration forms to send monthly newsletters to parents. Information will soon be going home for parents to request to be on an email list that the secretaries will create for that purpose.
 - The new school website is www.elmwood322.com and teachers all have new email addresses which consist of their first initial, last name @ elmwood322.com. Amy Guppy suggested including the teacher email list in the September newsletter which is due to be on the website tomorrow.
 - H1N1 flu info has been going home. Our school is registered with the county as a site for the H1N1 vaccine.
 - There will no longer be Perfect Attendance awards given at the end of the year to discourage children coming to school who are sick.
 - There is a possible character assembly that will be held which includes video/sound/music. More info will be available at the next meeting.
 - We put a hold on purchasing a new trophy case for now. We will look at the possibility later in the year if money allows.
 - A new "Steps to Respect" program done by the Center for Prevention of Abuse will be implemented for children in grades 3 through 6. It is a 12-week character-building/bullying program that helps kids to make good decisions. We aren't sure exactly yet when it will start this year.

Teacher Requests

- Mrs. Danner requested a new network version 23 of Print Shop Deluxe which will cost \$899 plus about \$50 shipping and handling. Mrs. Danner also requested \$150.11 for 510 magnets which she will print school phone numbers and the new website on and hand out at the open house. Nicole Lindsey offered to check with her family's printing business to see if they had the capacity to print magnets, and they would do it for no charge. Monica Lampe suggested that in the future we put the magnets out at school registration as well. (**Post-meeting update** The Lindseys are not able to print the magnets, so Mrs. Danner's request for those funds still stands.)
- Mrs. Blum requested \$119.76 for 24 dry erase boards for her classroom
- Colleen Karn moved to approve all teacher requests. Eulail Huffcutt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

- Lisa Roberts discussed changing the procedure of reading meeting minutes to sending them out via email and posting them on the website only. This way we can use the time formerly spent reading the minutes at the meetings for discussing other pertinent issues. We would still approve the former meeting minutes at each meeting. The suggestion was also made to put hard copies on the tables for people to review if needed. Monica Lampe moved to approve this new procedure, seconded by Amy Guppy. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- *Golf Outing* – Becky reported that the net amount was about \$5000. We lost hole sponsors due to the economy – especially those sponsors outside of Elmwood. There were 10-15 less golfers this year.
- Becky reiterated that this is the major fundraiser for EES, and 100% of it comes back to the school. However, we really need more people to help with it, because it is basically done by 3 people.
- Discussion regarding other fundraisers took place. We were not planning to sell the Christmas wreaths this year because it was not much of a money-maker and instead more of a service to the families. However, Teryan Newman suggested changing the wording on the letter sent home to families to encourage them more to purchase and support the school. Becky mentioned that in the past there has been criticism regarding fundraising efforts, so that is why the “this is not a fundraiser” wording had been included on the information. Further discussion took place regarding other strategies to use in selling the wreaths (making phone calls, going door-to-door, etc.) Mr. Frost suggested we table the wreath decision until the next meeting as we were running out of time for more discussion.

- Nicole Lindsey also presented the idea of doing sports calendars/agendas/posters and having local businesses sponsor them by buying advertising on the posters. Her family's printing business would be able to print the posters. She also offered help with the telemarketing part of their business for the golf outing.

Other

- A reminder that the school open house/hot dog roast is September 9th instead of September 10th.

Adjournment

- Amy Guppy moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Christine Dunkel. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Roberts
Parents' Club Secretary

*****NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 6th AT 6:30 PM*****