

## **Elmwood Elementary Parents' Club Meeting Minutes**

### **3/2/10, 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Becky Hunt, Jamie Monari, Kim Sims, Lisa Roberts, Elizabeth Gallagher, Colleen Karn, Monica Lampe, Christine Dunkel, Elizabeth Livengood, Kim DeSplinter, Leigh Becker, Amy Guppy, Tony Frost

1. Meeting called to order by President Becky Hunt.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 2010 meeting by Colleen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy. Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - Jamie distributed a current financial report.
  - We are expecting some income (about \$700-\$1000) from the upcoming carnival.
  - Upcoming expenses will include the carnival, Teacher Appreciation Week, and some from the Book Fair.
4. Mr. Frost's Report
  - ISAT tests are currently in progress this week. Make-up tests will be next week.
  - Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>; no school on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Spring Break is March 29 – April 2.
  - The Elmwood All Outdoors Show will be held this weekend. All proceeds will go to high school athletics.
  - The school district is looking at how best to maintain operations with the current state of Illinois budget problems. There will be changes made but teaching/learning/curriculum will not be affected. Support services may be affected. Parents can ask Mr. Frost, go on the state website or attend school board meetings if they have any questions.
  - We have not officially heard that we did not win the money from the U.S. Cellular campaign; however, all monies were supposed to have been distributed by the end of February. A great effort was made by the Elmwood community and families/friends.
5. Old Business
  - a. Scrips Fundraiser – Jamie gave a brief update on the idea of this fundraiser. There are questions on logistics and the overall coordination of the program. A committee will be put together to discuss this idea prior to the next Parents' Club meeting. It is hoped that in time this fundraiser will be profitable enough to replace the Golf Outing.
  - b. Baggies – The first grade teachers request specific sizes of baggies for their students to use each year. These baggies are not available as part of the

School Toolboxes. Parents' Club is willing to purchase and supply the needed baggies. There was question as to whether all the first grade teachers still need/want them. Mr. Frost will check with the teachers, see if they have any left over, and/or discuss other possible options.

6. New Business

Teacher Requests

- Mrs. Williams requested \$50.00 for motivational books that can be shared amongst staff members.
- Mr. Huber requested \$136.80 plus shipping & handling for materials for his program on rockets/inventing.
- Mr. Frost requested \$239 for an assembly program on friendship and treating each other respectfully. This is a follow up on the Steps to Respect program and is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Motion to approve all teacher requests made by Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen. Motion approved.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Book Fair went well although we were down \$700-\$800 from last year. Even so, each teacher received \$85 in books, the library received \$500 worth of books, and computers received \$200 worth of books. Next year, we will look at doing a family reading night in conjunction with the Book Fair's Family Night. Mr. Frost and Kim will coordinate that.
- b. School Carnival is Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 -7 pm. Set-up will be on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. We will have childcare available during set-up. Please let Becky know if you can work the carnival and/or set up. This year there will be a "Steps to Respect" booth where they will give out prizes at the booth for that game, which will most likely be a beanbag toss of some sort.
- c. AR parties: We are looking at doing Fun City for grades 3 & 4 on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and grades 5 & 6 on May 14<sup>th</sup>. For 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we will check into going to the YMCA in Canton again, possibly on May 12<sup>th</sup>. With the change of sending the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to Fun City, the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders could be split into 2 smaller groups at the YMCA which would make it much easier to coordinate and safer in the pool area. We also discussed lunch options for the Fun City trip and decided that the most efficient way to handle it would be to get the permission of the bus drivers for kids to eat on the bus on the way home. They would not be allowed to take any liquids, and Parents' Club would provide water bottles for the students.
- d. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7. The committee met and decided to continue some of the same things (volunteers to provide food each day, lunch on Wednesday courtesy of Farmers State Bank, drawings for gift certificates, Barnes & Noble gift cards given to all staff members, etc.) but to change some things as well. For example, this year we will send a note home to parents and ask them to have their children complete a page to go into a memory book for

their teachers. Any questions on T.A. Week should be addressed to Lisa Roberts or Colleen Karn.

- e. Golf Outing is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, please contact Becky.
8. Other Business
- a. Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Information was given to the school about selling cookie dough as a fundraiser. Parents' Club decided not to pursue this fundraiser.
  - b. Officer Elections will be held in April. If you are interested in running for a Parents' Club office, please let Becky know by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. May's meeting will be a dinner meeting. Jamie will organize this dinner, possibly at Gil's.

Kim moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen. Meeting adjourned.

*(Thank you to Christine Dunkel for bringing snacks!)*

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Roberts  
Parents' Club Secretary

**\*\*\*\*NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 6th AT 6:00 PM \*\*\*\***