

Middle School PTO Secretaries Report for October 18, 2011

The meeting came to order at 6:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, there were six people in attendance, several more joined us after the fifth grade meeting.

Jodi passed out the budget for this year. One thousand dollars is allocated to each of the four grades, one thousand for Character Ed., \$500. for planners (although this may need to be increased by a couple hundred to include planners for the fifth grade), and \$500. for misc. purchases.

The Cherrydale fundraiser pick up will be on Wednesday, October 26 between 2:15 and 7:00 pm, in the LGI room, volunteers are still needed to assist between 5 and 7 pm, you can call Amanda Aucompaugh at 887-5545 to volunteer. It is important to pick up your items during that time since the Middle School does not have freezer space to store any left over items, refrigerated foods may spoil if not picked up on time.

The PTO still needs a chairperson(s) for the Christmas gift wrapping fundraiser held at Rotterdam Square Mall between December 16 and 23rd. This is a major fundraiser for the PTO and will not be possible without parent volunteers.

Homecoming went well, PTO sold slices of Morningkill pie as a kick off to our Thanksgiving pie sale. The pies come frozen and ready to bake. The order forms went home with a deadline of Monday, November 14, order forms are also available on line. The pick up date is Tuesday, November 22 between 5 and 7 pm, at **Jefferson Elementary**. It is important to pick up your pies on time since this is the last day of school before the Thanksgiving recess.

The Student Council kicked off their magazine drive to help fund their many worthwhile activities.

They raised over \$600. for flood victims in Rotterdam Junction during Homecoming by holding a bottle drive. Several students also held a bake sale during Back to School night to benefit the flood victims and raised over \$400.

The fifth grade rep. reported that they decided to go to the Bronx Zoo for their field trip. They will be fundraising separately for this.

The Ghostly Gallup for Good Fun Run will be on Friday, October 28th, with a rain date of Monday, Oct. 31. After their lunch period, students run the cross country track for a pledge of at least one dollar to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation, then gather in the gym for a small snack and some fun. Scary music is played over the outside speakers and several faculty dress up in costume and “run” the track. The PTO agreed to spend \$50. for pretzels or another type of similar snack.

The PTO voted on several faculty requests. Chef’s Club and Hugs Club asked for money to purchase supplies, which was turned down due to the tight budget this year. Mrs. Healey requested \$2234. to fund a sixth grade field trip to Proctors, it was agreed to give them the one thousand dollars allocated to the sixth grade. A sum of \$100. was requested by Mr. George to purchase prizes for a poetry contest for all four grades, PTO agreed to give that money out of the Character Ed. budget.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Library. Check us out on the web and “like” us on Facebook to stay informed.

The meeting adjourned at apx. 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Black, Middle School PTO Secretary