

AUGUST CROCKER PTO MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT

AUGUST 20TH, 2008

Those in attendance were: Tracy Kach, Terri Hogan, Cari Herbst, Kelly Allen, Teri Thompson, Keith Pock, Denise North, Rebecca Moomey, Julie Price, Sheila Young, Julia Richards Krapfl, Pam Berg, Kimberly Jackman, Kristi O'Connor, Teresa Moeller, Niki Day, Blake Campbell, Derrick Fox, Cari Herbst, Teri Versteegh, Jana Bachman, Mike Harrison, Carol, Bahl, Dana Downing, Shari Brenning, Amy Daugherty, Beth Saxton, Sean Saxton, Heather Davis, Trisha Kennedy, Teresa Farrell, Melissa King, Trish Stueckradt, Tami Sardeson, Ashley Rathjen, Jennifer Creekmur, Laura Cummins-Chapman, Kim Ripley, Sue Massey, Jodi Wood, Charity Dunwoody, Roberta Kexber, Heather Cox, Amy Roberts, Jill Carlson, Debra Carl, Brian Fett, Mary Kennard, Marla Fromm, Teri Thompson, Heidi Palkovic, Paula Hender, Jennifer Lucas, Brenda Miller, Lisa Strnad, Lindsay Johnson, Jen Strub, Becky Jordan, Dan Coyle, Bonnie Coyle. Staff members present were: Dr. Muhlenbruck, Amy Anderson, Linda Dixon, Tami McClain, Patti Warren, and Mary Longnecker.

Introduction of the board given by each member, Co-Presidents Trish Stueckradt and Ashley Rathjen, Co-Vice Presidents Denise North and Laura Cummins-Chapman, Secretary Jennifer Creekmur and Treasurer Tami Sardeson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tami reviewed the treasurer's report. Our balance is over \$18,000 to start the year. We have \$10,000 tagged for books that we were unable to purchase for the teachers last year. We spent \$6,000 on basketball hoops for the playground. Deb Carl motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Jana Bachman seconded the motion.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Fundraiser – Denise North and Laura Cummings-Chapman.

This year's fundraiser is with Party Time. It is based in Iowa and 70% of the food sold is made in Iowa! PTO will earn 40-50% of the sales. There will be 4 catalogs and cash donations will also be accepted. Party time will provide 3 assemblies to Crocker students on safe selling and incentives! The books will be distributed on Aug 29th and returned on September 8th. Pickup is October 23rd from 2:30-6:00. The fundraiser is PTO's largest source of income and this year's earnings will go toward technology for the school!! Volunteers are needed for delivery.

Entertainment Books – Heather Davis

Books were distributed last week and are due back on Aug 29th. The books are \$20 and PTO will earn 50% of the sales. If the books are not sold then children should just return the books to school by Aug 29th. Entertainment Books is donating \$300 for prize money and they are also doing partner pts that will be used for dye cuts and balls for the school. Volunteers are needed the 1st week of Sept.

Spirit Wear – Heidi Palkovic

We have a variety of shirts, sweatshirts and quick dry shirts this year. These items are not preshrunk and the sweatshirts run a little small. They will be on display at Back to School night and they are also in the office. Orders are due by Sept 5th and will be delivered to the classrooms at the beginning of Oct. Volunteers are needed.

Fine Arts – Jana Bachman

An assembly style presentation is given every year, last year was poetry alive. This year's entertainment has not been decided...more to come!

Homeroom Parents – Terry Hogan

We have had great success with volunteers for homeroom parents this year. Still in need for a parent in Mrs. Johnson's 4th grade class.

Volunteer – Amanda Mein report by Trish

Amanda did a great job developing the database that will be used by all coordinators.

Fun Night – Melissa King and Amanda Mein to shadow

Fun night is the school carnival and is organized strictly for fun for the students, their families and the school staff. This is not a fundraiser and many local business budgets in money to donate for fun night every year. Volunteers needed to make this a success! Fun night will be in Feb.

Wendy's Night – Heather Sanderson report by Ashley

Wendy's Night is the 4th Tuesday of every month. 10% of sales from 5-8Pm on these nights are donated to Crocker PTO. Every month is hosted by a different grade. The PTO usually earns \$200-\$300/month.

Yearbook – Paula Hender

Jostens is doing our yearbook this year. Feb 9th is the deadline to order. Paula has 3 goals: early orders, easy to submit photos, easy to order by parents. Volunteers are needed for pictures for activities in each grade.

Teacher Appreciation – Shelia Young

PTO provides monthly appreciation to the teachers every month! This month we provided breakfast and treats in their mailboxes! Volunteers needed!

Box Tops/Food labels – Brian Fett

Last year we earned about \$1700 with this program! Labels are found on many items; general mills, Betty Crocker, pizza rolls, toilet paper and Campbell's soup. These labels need to be trimmed on the dotted line and dropped off in the lobby!

Teacher Time

All staff in attendance thanked the PTO for breakfast and the treats that were provided!

Principal Time

Dr. Muhlenbruck stated that this is the smoothest start to a school year in his 15 years as a principal! He states that we have 90 fewer students this year and that has made things better. He thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting and was impressed with the number in attendance and hopes that everyone will return! This year the school has improved and increased the teams of technology and curriculum.

Dr. Muhlenbruck's main focus was on the Sales Tax Vote. He encourages every parent to become educated on this matter; it is not the same as a bond issue. There is information on the Ankeny website

and there will be Forums held at different schools on a variety of dates. Crocker's date is August 28th 7:30pm at Northview Middle School in the cafeteria. This forum will be lead by Dr Wendt, Superintendent of Schools. Please read information on this matter and be ready if you have questions! It is our goal to have 90% or greater in attendance for this forum. This will impact our children for the next 10-20 years. It will directly affect all children 7th grade and under. Ankeny is one of the fastest growing communities and school districts in Iowa. We need a 50% + 1 vote to maintain 1% sales tax. This means that 50% of the people who vote need to vote yes for it to pass.

Trish and Ashley attended a special forum with Dr Wendt last night with other PTO presidents and the Ankeny Parents Association. Trish summarized some key points from this meeting. It is very important for everyone to vote on Sept 9th, especially people with children that have students in the 7th grade and lower. If all elementary parents vote yes then it will pass! This is not asking for more money, it is just passing for 55-60 million to go to the Ankeny school district. If this does not pass then our property taxes will go up when we have to pass another bond issue to build new schools. Dr Wendt requests that we get educated and make sure to vote. It was proposed to Crocker PTO to endorse the sales tax vote as a yes. After much discussion, Amy Daugherty motioned that the PTO endorse, Mary Kennard seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all but one was in favor.

The Ankeny Parents Association is asking for cash donations for signs and other advertising. If you are interested please contact:

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Website – Melissa King

Melissa King has created a Crocker PTO website!! It is www.crockerpto.com. Some items that will be on the website include; important dates, due dates, activities, picture day, School Board and PTO meetings, spirit wear, contact information, projects and committees and volunteer opportunities!! There will be photos on this without names listed. Please feel free to give feedback and let Melissa know if you have ideas for this site! Thanks Melissa for all you time on this website!

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Ashley referred to a hand out on tax options that we have. Currently we are not in compliance with IRS regulations. We encourage everyone to review our options and be prepared to discuss these at the September meeting. We would love to hear especially from anyone who has knowledge of tax accounting!

After reviewing the minutes from May and July, Jana Bachman motioned to approve and it was seconded by Denise North.

The next Crocker PTO meeting will be Monday, Sept 8th at 6:30Pm in the Media Center. Free childcare will be provided!

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Creekmur, PTO Secretary.