

## **SEPTEMBER CROCKER PTO MEETING**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

Those in attendance were: Trish Stueckradt, Ashley Rathjen, Denise North, Jennifer Creekmur, Tami Sardeson, Melissa King, Tracy Kach, Teri Thompson, Keith Pooock, Sheila Young, Kimberly Jackson, Blake Campbell, Niki Day, Jana Bachman, Carol Bahl, Shari Brenning, Sue Massey, Amy Roberts, Brian Fett, Heidi Palkovic, Terri Hogan, Paula Hender, Bonnie Coyle, Tracy McCain, Amanda Mein, Heather Sanderson, Cindy Shannon and Cindy Finch. Staffmembers in attendance: Dr Muhlenbruck, Jenny Wirtz, Jen Spooner, Melinda Douma, Sherry Stevenson and Shanna Weesner.

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Rathjen. Jennifer Creekmur asked that everyone review the Aug. minutes and we can approve them at the end of the meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tami reviewed the treasurer's report. She went over the paid in and paid out information and states that September will have a lot more transactions with the fundraiser. Terri Hogan motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Jana Bachman seconded the motion.

### **COORDINATOR REPORTS**

Fall Fundraiser by Denise North. Some fundraiser envelopes were turned in today, but we are hoping that more will come in throughout the week. Volunteers are needed for distribution, sign-up sheet was sent around.

Fun Night by Melissa King. Fun Night will be Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Melissa is having a meeting at her home in the near future and is contacting and informing about this via email.

### **TEACHER TIME**

Kindergarten teachers are here this month and they are thankful for everything we do! Media Specialist/Librarian Jenny Wirtz also present and states that she is very excited to be at Crocker. This is her 1<sup>st</sup> year here and she has a 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Crocker. She has color coded the library to create more independence with the children. There will be 2 book fairs this year during conference time and the proceeds will go to the library for more books and to bring in an author this year. The author Jerry Pilada will come this year! January will be Birthday Book Month. In May there will be a paperback book sale.

### **PRINCIPAL TIME**

Dr. Muhlenbruck has no new business tonight.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cindy Finch is from the Ankeny School District Foundation. Ankeny School District foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money for Ankeny schools and gives grants out accordingly. She states there are grants available in the spring and fall. The deadline for the fall grants is Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and she encourages us to apply for the grants, as they are easy to apply for. She also encourages having our teachers apply. The foundation will be hosting a silent/live auction on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard by Marriot. Apple for Education is also going on right now at Hy-Vee and Dahl's.

Crocker PTO is looking for someone to shadow Tami this year as Treasurer. There will be lots of work with the new Tax Option. If anyone is interested, please let Trish, Ashley or Tami know.

501c3/PTA/School District by Ashley Rathjen. Currently we are not in compliance with the IRS for taxes. When Crocker PTO originated in 2004 the treasurer at the time applied for Crocker PTO's federal tax ID # for tax free and banking purposes. The treasurer did not do anything further for lack of knowledge, nor did they understand the PTO needed to file taxes. Last spring it was brought to our attention by Craig Hansel we needed to file taxes due to our gross receipts exceeding \$25,000. This is not just a Crocker issue. Each elementary in the district is in the same situation and will be

voting on what to do for their own school. Any organization exceeding \$25,000 in gross receipts per year has to file taxes. Last year Crocker had over \$78,000 in gross receipts. Ashley handed out a sheet detailing the pros and cons on the different tax options we have. One option is going under the school district and giving our money to them and they will keep accounting records of it. The other option is to apply to be a tax Exempt organization or 501c3. Cindy Shannon, the current treasurer of Ashland Ridge and a CPA, was present to explain how she applied for the 501c3 for Terrace and Ashland. She has generously shared her forms with Crocker to make it easier for us to apply. Keith Pooch has volunteered to do the application process. Discussion on all of the pros and cons were reviewed. Blake Campbell motioned to apply for the 501c3 and Jana Bachman seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor. Amanda Mein motioned to approve the \$750 application fee for the 501c3 and the \$20 to pay for the Articles of Incorporation for the state.???????????? seconded the motion.

Tomorrow is the Sales Tax Vote election for new Board members and it is important we all vote! PTO members will be handing out fliers in the morning and after school to remind everyone to vote!

Due to conferences the Nov and Feb PTO meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

Jana Bachman motioned to approve the Aug. minutes and Melissa King seconded the motion.

The next Crocker PTO meeting will be held October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Media Center. Free childcare will be provided!

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Creekmur, PTO Secretary.