

MINUTES

Samuels Elementary PTA Minutes

October 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Jenni Stottlemyer, PTA Co-President at 6:25 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last two meetings have not been approved.

Fall Carnival and Flu Shots

The Fall Carnival will be held on Thursday, October 16th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. After school presales have been ongoing and the last day to purchase them will be Wednesday, October 15th. Presale tickets are 5 for \$1. We are still in need of someone to man the cake walk. It is a popular place to be. There will be lots of games, food, face painting and prizes. Most games will be two tickets to play and food items will have different amounts of tickets for purchase. Flu shots will also be offered for \$25 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Fundraising

The Entertainment Book sale has ended. We had \$2,900 in total sales. The Believe Catalog fundraiser has begun and will run through Thursday, October 16th. For each student who sells 25 or more items from the catalog, will win a limo ride with the principal to McDonalds for lunch. The limo can accommodate 20 people, if we have more than 15 we will schedule a second luncheon date. Students can also have orders submitted online and Marlene will pull a report to make sure every order is counted for the students.

Samuels Elementary was the 3rd quarter recipient from Whole Foods which is generated by customers who donate their reusable bag refunds at checkout. We will receive a check for \$2,019. Basically if a customer brings in a reusable bag and instead of having the .10 deducted from their bill, they can opt to have it donated to whichever school is being sponsored during that time.

Principal's Report

There was no report from Principal Jim Kimbrough who was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report

We made about \$2,900 from the Entertainment books. We sold about 500 books and 50 were not returned. Fortunately we do not have to cover the cost of unreturned books, the company takes the loss.

Upcoming Events

We have the Teachers' Conference Dinner on Tuesday, October 28th. We also have the Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 4th with setup by 6:30 am. Rebecca Lager has volunteered to help Danielle with the bake sale. Food donations for both these events are needed.

Box Tops

Jenni Stottlemeyer reported that a classroom contest has started to gather the most box tops. The first submission of box tops was sent in for around \$367. A container for the box tops has been put in each of the classrooms. The contest will end November 6th and the winning classroom will receive popsicles.

Destination Imagination

Jenni Stottlemeyer reported that Destination Imagination is gearing up. We are really in need of team leaders in order to have teams for DI. Training dates for the team leaders can be found on the PTA website. The website has been updated with photos and future events. Flyers will be in the Thursday folders. Jenni reported she has until Nov 20th to register our team. She would like to register a five pack which is the same price as registering three individual teams.

Guest Speaker – Craig Revord, School Counselor

Jenni Stottlemeyer introduced Craig Revord, Samuels School Counselor and Therapist. He is one of two that are at the school four days a week. He spoke about his experience and training and informed us that he has begun an anger management group here at school to work in collaboration with the teachers. He is trying to determine what is going on with and what needs to be done to modify behavioral changes. He is serving families and children going through conduct and emotional issues. He uses play therapy, art therapy and talk therapy. For a child to see him, he will receive a referral by word or form from the child, parent or teacher. He can meet with the child one time before parental consent to assess need. If he does not receive parental consent, he cannot legally work with the child. He works for MDS, a non profit agency which provides counselor services regardless of ability to pay. It is a great resource to have in the community and it offers individual and family counseling. They have been doing the Children first program for 20 years. They have placed counselors currently in 22 different schools determined by need. He demonstrated one way which he uses to get to know the child and establish a trusting relationship. We all received a popsicle stick with a question on it and went around the room and shared our answers.

PTA website

The website has been updated with photos and upcoming events. Check it out at www.samuelspta.com. PTA minutes will also be posted on the website.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm by Jenni Stottlemeyer.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm. Principal Jim Kimbrough will conduct a Q & A with parents.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Recording Secretary

Approved on November 18, 2008