

RRMS PTA Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2011

Attendees: Ann Stemen, Megan Rose, Sandra Muny, Jenn Krebs, Maureen Ridzon, Liz Roberts, Diane Beer, Keli Asmar, Laura Gluntz, Mary Amsdell, Lori Poe, Maria Schwenk, Beth Hauck, Lisa Kysela and Beth Trudell.

Meeting called to order by Ann Stemen at 9:00am.

1. President, Ann Stemen welcomed the group and introduced the board.
 - 1st Vice President Sandra Muny, 2nd Vice President Megan Rose, Treasurer Keli Asmar, Corresponding Secretary Stacey Garrity and Recording Secretary Beth Trudell.
2. 2nd Vice President, Megan Rose.
 - School year off to a good start.
 - Spirit week and spirit wear for homecoming
 - 9-11 10th anniversary memorial program took place.
 - Trying not to overuse Alert Now. Feel it is important to communicate with parents especially early in the school year.
 - Put together a school calendar. Outline all the events. It will change and be updated regularly. Good to have all the school information / events in one place.
 - Teachers will be attending and participating in the Max Training Program.
3. 1st Vice President, Sandra Muny
 - Fee days went well. One day instead of two was fine. 85% of the students came through between 1-3pm. Sandra suggested that the afternoon hours could be 3 hours instead of 2. The evening hours could be one hour less.
 - Progress Book was turned on early because of new teacher training. This did not impact students picking up schedules and paying fees.
 - Kim Pease at the high school said there was no formal acceptance of the by-laws last year. Jenn Krebs participated in the review and said it was complete.
4. Recording Secretary, Beth Trudell
 - Beth moved to dispense with reading of the May minutes.
 - Jenn Krebs 2nd the motion.
5. Treasurer, Keli Asmar
 1. RRMS PTA audit conducted and signed of in May '11.
 2. Collected \$2,645 in membership dues. A few still coming in. Good teacher turn out this year.
 3. Spring levy is very likely, but not yet confirmed. Will need to add a line item to budget to donate to the spring school levy campaign.
 4. Popcorn Friday sales provided \$500 to 911 memorial fund. Will need to designate \$500 in budget for 911 memorial contribution.
 5. A motion was made to add / revise the following line items in the budget.
 - Add \$750 to membership since contributions are up.

- Add \$500 to the budget to support the spring school levy.
 - Add \$ to teacher grants to bring the total to \$2,750.
 - ✓ Sandra Muny 1st motion, Mary Amsdell 2nd the motion and all approved the revised budget.
6. Popcorn Friday, Mary Amsdell and Maureen Ridzon
- New nutrition laws (Senate Bill 210) will not allow the sale of popcorn. In the past popcorn sales has provided \$500 to the 911 memorial fund. Will need to adjust budget or develop a new fundraiser to make up the \$500.
7. Recycling Club,
- Looking into starting a recycling club at the middle school similar to the program at RRHS. A couple of option to review. Student club collects cans and bottle and places on curb so city can collect. Another option is contracting with a company that picks up the recycling, then scans all bottles and cans and money from recycling goes to the PTA.
8. Corresponding Secretary
- Maroon & White night thank you from student was passed around.
9. Council Delegate Report
- Dr. Shoaf spoke about...
 - Student performance up in all schools.
 - Kensington a Blue Ribbon School.
 - Construction at HS and Kens going well. Trees at HS will be replaced when construction is complete. Kens office and cafeteria should open in December.
 - Goldwood construction is starting.
 - Will likely be a 4.9 mil levy in spring '12.
 - Liz Anderson spoke about...
 - The College Now of Greater Cleveland, which is a financial aid service, is now at RRHS.
 - Testing students in 8th in order to understand needs of students coming into RRHS.
 - Sophomores and juniors can take PSAT so teachers can focus on teaching to the needs of students determined by the test.
 - Dianna Foley
 - The use of online forms for beginning of school year went well.
 - Moving storage from Uncle Bob's to on-site storage at Wooster School.
 - Trying to establish a Google APS account for PTA. Should be able to do this since PTA is a non-profit account.

- Dr. Carol Rosiak, Goldwood Principal
 - Getting acquainted with school, staff and community.
 - Year off to a good start.
- Misc items from Council
 - Kensington Spooky Saturday is October 29.
 - Homecoming dinner is from Subway. Donations for homecoming were higher than expected. Sponsorships came in at the last minute.

10. Magazine sales, Laura Gluntz

- Final day is Tuesday, Sept 27th.

11. Misc RRMS Events

- Teacher Appreciation. Position is open. Need someone to plan event.
- Challenge Days will likely take place in November.
- Cookie walk is scheduled for December 21st.

12. No Unfinished Business

13. New Business – Fundraising

- Lori Poe is proposing a reusable bag sale as a fundraiser. The PTA makes 50% of everything sold. Promotional kits are available to help students sell. Can also go online to make purchases. Bags appear to be high quality with a variety of sizes and patterns.
- The proposed dates for the sale are November 1-18.
- Beth Hauck made a motion to pass/accept bag sale as a fundraiser and add \$75 to the budget to buy sample bags. Tracy Blossey 2nd the motion. All approved fundraiser.

Next Meeting is November 16th at 9am

Meeting adjourned at 10:06am

Respectfully submitted, Beth Trudell, Recording Secretary.