

GPA Meeting

October 5, 2011

In Attendance: Jim Costello, April LaBrecque, Jen Durfey, Rene Ellinger, Joanne Fox, Jess Ripley, Allison Suarez, Susan Dargie, Heidi Pike, Pam Cahill, Alisha Mechachonis, Sarah Bray

Babysitters: Bridget Nobbs, Emily Hoschouer, Nathan Dargie

Current Treasury: \$5,522.26

Officers: Jim Costello, acting president (position open). April LaBrecque, acting vice president (position open). Rene Ellinger, secretary, Jennifer Durfey, treasurer. Anyone who is interested in the open officer positions, please speak to one of the existing officers. We would be happy to help you.

Harvest Fair: URGENT: KITCHEN HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED!! Please consider volunteering to cover a shift in the kitchen. If you are unable to do a whole shift, a couple of hours of your time would go a long way. Or if you will be away, consider baking for the bake sale. Any effort you and your family can give goes a long way to benefit GPA and our school. Jennifer Durfey is the chairperson for the kitchen, but daily captains are needed to make sure things run smoothly. Please contact Jennifer if you are willing and able to captain a day for us. It is quite easy, and you will not be without support of those who have done it for years! PLEASE try to help out! Contact Jennifer (0944) to be put on the list. The Macaroni and Cheese sign up sheets are full! Thank you to all who signed up to make it. Please remember to pick up your pan and recipe and cheese at the school on Friday!

Future fundraising was discussed. Jessica Ripley suggested a tie-dye event where one can dye their own shirt for a nominal fee, it would be perhaps a half day event, in the spring. Alisha Mechachonis offered to chair a consignment event, where we would set up a "shopping day" featuring items from folks looking to consign items from their homes rather than donating them. We felt that a day in the spring when people are spring cleaning, would be best. Please look for further information regarding these events.

We will once again be selling gift cards for the holiday season. A wide variety of stores, restaurants and other merchants will be available. Order forms will be sent home in the next few weeks. The cards will be in by the first week of December, just in time for Holiday gift giving. For any questions on this fundraiser, please contact Rene Ellinger (0945, renekev@comcast.net).

A reminder to all staff, student groups, or anyone requesting funding from GPA: Our bylaws clearly state that we as a group need to vote on all funds that are expended from our treasury. Therefore, all funds should be requested in advance of the need for support. Understandably, this may not always be possible, as we only meet once a month. In such cases, the requestor needs to submit receipts along with a request for reimbursement, to be voted on, and paid out the night of our next meeting. Green request forms are available in the office. Should you have any questions about our procedures and bylaws, please see a GPA officer.

Voting:

Mrs. Wardlaw requested reimbursement for breakfast items purchased for the International Walk to School event. \$185.00. Unanimous: YES

Mrs. Wackerbarth requested \$59.95 plus S/H to cover costs for the winter musical. Unanimous: YES

Miss Dickinson requested \$30.00 to cover Learning Center expenses for her Kindergarten classroom. Unanimous: YES

Jim Costello requested reimbursement for refreshments purchased for the Open House events. \$22.00. Unanimous: YES

The Halloween Committee requested funding to cover expenses for the Halloween Party. \$300.00. Unanimous: YES

It is so nice to see new faces at our meetings! Lots of kids came to enjoy some play time, which was supervised by our skilled babysitters. We hope to see more of you in attendance in the coming months.

Thank you to all who attended our meeting. **Please join us for our next meeting, Wednesday, November 2 at 6PM.**

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