

October 8, 2009

PTO Meeting

Start Time 7:20pm End Time 7:55pm

15 People in attendance.

Barbara Leandri thanked everyone for attending the PTO meeting. Introductions were exchanged by everyone in attendance.

Barbara spoke about changes occurring in the 2009/2010 school season. She named a couple; Monday Messages and a Community Section.

Pfizer gave the PTO a grant towards the upcoming sign that will be going in front of our school if and when the building zone approves. We are all very excited about that.

Our membership goal is 100%, we are at 176 families, no money is necessary, but we would appreciate the PTO forms signed and returned.

We are trying to get a 6th grade book store. Ice cream has started, and will continue to be every Thursday unless otherwise noted.

We made \$12.00 in ink cartridges; we get a staples card that will go toward teacher usage.

Mary Porter-Price spoke about student count we have an estimate of 219 students attending Gales Ferry School, and an estimate of 316 students attending Juliet W. Long school. We have the same teachers, with the exception of 1 retiree and Mrs. McVeigh starting.

There is a new math series that has been implemented in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Our school's CMT scores were outstanding, Mary is very proud, as well as teachers and parents.

New assistant principal Jaret Kulmann spoke about how much he enjoys working at our school and he tries to be in each classroom as much as possible to familiarize himself with the students.

Maureen Brawner reviewed treasurer's report, we doubled in membership. She spoke about the PTO buying insurance which cost \$350.00 for liability sake. We will give teachers \$60.00 for supplies, and in addition we will purchase new seat sacks.

The Harvest Fest will be chaired by Tracey Lee, October 23, 2009 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm; phone calls will be made for items and volunteers.

Art Night will be chaired by Karen Moorehead “Art to Remember” will have children drawing items to be purchased by friends and family, and items that will not have to be purchased. Art to Remember will be held on November 6th, also a chili contest chaired by Melissa Thaxton will be held on the same night.

JWL will have a playground committee which will meet next month to discuss a May, 2010 fundraising carnival/tag sale to raise money for new equipment. Also, the playground needs a lot of work, a suggestion was made that we ask the Ledyard Boy Scouts to volunteer and help, which in turn will allow them to earn their community badge.

Mistletoe Market and Vendor night is scheduled for November 20th, chaired by Heather McCoy. This is a family event. A portion of Gales Ferry Gym will be used for the Vendors.

Also on that night we will have Frosty’s Workshop, where we will be collecting items, so children will be able to “shop” and buy gifts for \$1.00 and have them wrapped, no parents are allowed in Frosty’s workshop!!! This will be chaired by Sue Migliozzi.

Holiday caroling will be provided, to get everyone in the holiday mood.

As always the PTO is trying hard to build our school community and have more family activities.