

Edgebrook PTO Minutes for Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008

Jenny Mihevc (Pres) called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

In attendance:

Angie Feucht	Sue Kaspar	Melissa Buckley
Michelle Reinhardt	Stacy Gende	Katie Diakow
Jean Aguilar	Jenny Mihevc (Pres)	
Barb Sharp (Sec)	Korrin Bird (Treas)	



A meeting agenda and a November treasurer's report were available for all who attended.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November meeting will be approved at the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Korrin Bird went through the treasurer's report. Korrin explained in detail any expenses or income of the EPTO for the past month. She asked for questions or clarifications. Jenny Mihevc asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Angie Feucht so moved and Sue Kaspar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

Jenny Mihevc handed all committee chairs a green binder. These binders are to be kept up to date with any correspondence that is sent out throughout the year and a list of duties and responsibilities for each committee. The binders will be collected at the end of each school year and stored in the closet in the hope of making each committee and its responsibilities clearer and to help keep our PTO more organized.

Chillin' at Edgebrook

Jenny Mihevc explained that Chillin' at Edgebrook will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 9 until noon. RSVP forms are due by Friday, Dec. 5th and the event will cost \$5 per child, adults play for free, to cover the cost of our crafts. Each child will receive 6 tickets and can choose 6 crafts to make from 12 choices in the cafeteria. There will be donuts, muffins, snowman soup, coffee, milk and juice in the cafeteria as well. There will be a bath loofa snowball fight every ½ hour, tattoos, games, and an obstacle course in the gym. Santa will also be here as well. We have girl scout troops and high school students helping us with this family night, but we are still in need of volunteers. Please contact Mary Bidlack or Jenny Mihevc if you would like to volunteer.

Roadrunner Day

Jenny Mihevc stated that December's Roadrunner Spirit Day will be held Friday, December 12th and children are encouraged to wear red and green. The class wearing the most red and green will receive \$35. Students are also encouraged to bring in new hats, gloves, and mittens for our PTO mitten tree. These items will be kept in a bin in the principal's office and be given to children at Edgebrook who either don't have or forget their hats and gloves.

Chili Cook Off

Jenny Mihevc asked Stacy Gende to explain the chili cook off and 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The McHenry Elementary Booster Club is a community based organization that holds different functions in order to collect money for different sporting events and

activities. They are planning a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for Saturday, January 17th. Students in 3rd – 8th grade can create a team and sign up to participate. During the tournament, the grade schools in the district have representatives who compete in a chili cook off. Each school has to come up with their own money for registration and supplies. Jenny Mihevc then explained that Edgebrook was originally going to be sponsored by Brian of Old Town Pizza, but he hasn't been able to pay the registration fee. Debbie Collins is asking EPTO to sponsor Edgebrook's chili booth this year and the theme will be Rockin' Chili. Jenny Mihevc asked for a motion to allocate \$125 to pay for registration fees and supplies for the Edgebrook's chili booth. Katie Diakow so moved and Sue Kaspar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Market Day

Stacy Gende stated that the cookie dough fundraiser through Market Day went well and that PTO made about \$600. She then suggested that next year we skip one of the fundraisers (most likely the pie sales in November) since they are so close together and focus our efforts to promoting and selling one fundraiser in hopes of more sales. She also suggested that we send a letter to those families on our mailing list asking that they instead order online to save postage. Market Day pick-up is tomorrow and volunteers are needed at 2:00.

Box tops/soup labels

Katie Diakow stated that we have made \$702.70 in Box Tops this year and that we made \$92.80 just in November. Box tops will be sent in again in April. We are still waiting for a Campbell's brochure, but that we should have 10, 604 points to spend. We will also start to collect Nestle Pure Life Water Labels as well. Participation has really increased this year and we will put a thank you to parents and families in the Pipeline.

Food Nights

Katie Diakow stated that we have made \$564.50 so far this year in food nights. We made \$213.32 from Chuck E. Cheese Night, \$127 from Old Town Pizza, and \$83.50 from Culver's. We have Don's, Bimbo's, and Oberweis coming up as well as Applebee's which gives us 20% and has never done a food night before. Katie asked if there were any other places we'd like to see in the future. All agreed that she was doing a great job.

Rockin' for Edgebrook

Rockin' for Edgebrook is planned for March 21st at 6pm at the VFW Hall. Angie Feucht reported that save the date magnets, guitars and envelopes have all been ordered and will be included in a kickoff packet that will go home after a pep rally December 18th. The pep rally will have a rock and roll theme and will possibly include a performance from the 4th graders. It will highly suggested that each family sell 5 raffle tickets @ \$10 a ticket. Smencils will be given as prizes for those who sell their tickets. The raffle prizes for the event include a 19" flat screen TV, \$500 cash and a 2 night stay at a water park. You need not be present to win.

Pipeline Deadlines

Jenny Mihevc handed out a list of dates to turn in information for each Pipeline.

Spirit Wear Update

Katie Freund sent her report by e-mail. She stated in it that orders will be delivered before Winter Break. We sold around \$2246.00 worth and made a profit of about \$122.

Art to Remember Update

Korrin Bird covered this in the treasurer's report. We collected \$3,945.48 and made 30% on the orders which is around \$1100 which will go towards our traveling artist. This fundraiser is worth doing again. There was a lot of interest from families and it could be promoted at conferences a little more next year. It was also suggested that students do more open and free, original art or perhaps even a snowman or seasonal theme. Overall it went well and we thank Joanne Thornberry and Tara Walker for their efforts.

Principal's Report

Michelle Reinhardt thanked everyone for Muffins with Moms. It was well attended and Jean Aguliar felt that the mums were a very nice touch. Michelle offered her and the staff's help with Chillin' and to let her know what is needed. There will also be a holiday breakfast for the staff on December 18th at 7:30. The office is serving a few warm things and we are welcome to bring something as well to show our appreciation.

Teacher's Report

Melissa Buckley thanked the PTO for the first assembly, which was a character magician. Most of the students enjoyed his tricks - one of which was to saw Michelle in ½. The next assembly is set for Jan 23rd and is a story teller. We will be sending in the \$130 deposit which has been approved in the budget. Melissa asked the PTO to purchase duck eggs and 2 incubators for her classroom and Mrs. McDonnell's classroom. This would cost the PTO \$125. Jenny Mihevc asked for a motion to allocate \$125 for the incubators and duck eggs. Angie Feucht so moved, and Katie Diakow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bowling Recap

Angie Feucht read a report from Vickie Karcz. The event went well. We made \$230. Some people actually came and paid at the door. It is worth doing again in the future, however we should make sure to note a couple of changes. The time needs to be worked out with the bowling alley – there were still leagues playing when the PTO arrived and we thought we had the place to ourselves. We also need to make it clear to families that parents must stay and bowl with their children – no drop offs.

Muffins with Moms Recap

Jenny Mihevc stated that Muffins with Moms went well. We had a huge a number of people come and pay the morning of. Panera Bread donated 250 muffins which were picked up and still warm when they arrived. We also picked up several boxes of mini muffins and we only had a handful of muffins left over so next year we will need more. The cafeteria provided coffee, milk, and juice at cost. We have a Donuts with Dads event coming up in February.

Upcoming Family Events

There will be a Pajama Night held in January and Donuts with Dads Breakfast held in February. Dates will need to be redetermined and cleared with Duker and the administration. Some of the dates will need to be shuffled around due to setting Rockin for Edgebrook in March instead of February. The PTO showed an interest in making sure Bingo was included in a family event because the kids loved it. Katie Diakow offered to buy board games as prizes when they are on sale, but money would need to be allotted. Jenny Mihevc asked for a motion to allocate \$300 to purchase board games as prizes. Katie Diakow so moved and Angie Feucht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

December Staff Breakfast and Teacher Allotments

Jenny Mihevc explained that in the past the PTO has purchased a gift for the teachers and staff and presented it at the December Staff Breakfast. When figuring out the budget this year, the officers allotted \$100 per classroom for teachers to spend on supplies and resources. The classrooms receiving this allotment include Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, ECE and PreK, SEDOM, Smiricky and Rodriquez. The PTO will present this gift to the classroom teachers at the staff breakfast on Thursday. Sue Kaspar suggested that we consider using our Scholastic vouchers and Campbell's points as gifts as well. Jenny Mihevc and Barb Sharp will look into this. The PTO would also like to show their appreciation to the rest of the staff by providing bagels or muffins at the staff breakfast. Jenny Mihevc asked for a motion to allocate \$100 to purchase bagels for the staff breakfast. Katie Diakow so moved and Stacey Gende seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Sue Kaspar presented another opportunity to bring in funds to our PTO. She explained the Jewel Shop and Share Program where on a specific day once a month, anyone who shops at Jewel can show a coupon when they pay and the PTO would receive a percentage of their bill. Fast Eddie's has a similar program. The PTO was interested in pursuing this so Sue Kaspar offered to set up some days with Jewel. She will try and get a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday around the Super Bowl in February, around Easter in April, and then around Memorial Day at the end of May.

Adjournment

Jenny Mihevc asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Kaspar so moved and Katie Diakow seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03.