

Latham Ridge

PTA Minutes

September 27, 2011

Attendance of Officers: Lisa DeMarco, Donna Landy, Christopher McCabe, Megan Peterson, JoAnne Foglia, James Martin.

Meeting began at 7:00PM

Attendance Total: 31

President, Lisa DeMarco opened the meeting welcoming everyone in attendance to the first PTA meeting of the 2011-2012 School Year.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last PTA meeting of last school year were not available to be read.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Donna Landy introduced herself as the new treasurer for the PTA including a brief description of her experience as she is currently working in the banking field.
- Advised that we have a balance as of 9/27/2011 of \$14,805.98(all PTA Funds)
- PTA Closed out of FNFG Account
- Opening of new Cap Com Account
- Donna will be modifying the Check request and Teacher Reimbursement Forms to be as one and to be used electronically as well.
- Explained the use of the Latham Ridge PTA Debit Card

**Correspondence:** Megan Peterson received a "Thank You" card from Principal James Martin regarding the staff recognition luncheon at the end of 2010 school year.

**Special Guest:** Mary-Ellen Raup spoke about the District Goals for the Board of Education. The Goals are listed below:

1. To have all students provided the opportunity and necessary support to engage in relevant, challenging work which contributes to their academics and social environmental growth and development.
2. To have all staff, teachers and administrators become as part of a larger learning community working together to build collective capacity in order to provide a high quality, relevant, equitable education for all students. Expand staff development opportunities.

**Committee Reports:**

- Fall Fundraiser update provided by Rose Valenti: Yankee Candle Fund Raiser was completed and mailed out on 9/28. Budget was set to receive approximate \$3400.00 in profit and we actually made about \$7,000.00. Discussion started as to why the increase in sales from last season. Conclusion came to the fact that LR acquired several new students from Maplewood as well as other areas which resulted in more sales.

Orders were to be arriving at school by mid October. Rose expressed any issues with Orders should be address to her.

- Family Fun Night will be 10/28 and will have a Halloween theme. The Great Pumpkin Movie will be showing as well as games and prizes. Children will be encouraged to wear their costumes to the event. Time of event 6:30.
- Fall Book Sale – Donna Landy and Dave Landy will be chairing this event scheduled 11/7-11/10 and Donna discussed the theme of the book fair is: "To the Book Fair and Beyond." This fun theme is based on Outer Space/Aliens.
- Box Tops: Lori O'Connor spoke about the Box Tops program and that currently we have about \$200.00 profit thanks to all the parents/students bringing in the box tops. Lori explained that the school will receive a check in November and in May for the program. Lori was asking for ideas that would help encourage kids to bring in more box tops for the program. Some Ideas were discussed included extra gym time, pizza party for class, prizes.
- Roller-skating – Chaired by Melissa Razzano and Lisa Tyrka, the first skating party will be on 10/18 and volunteers are still being requested.
- Holiday Fair for this year was discussed and decided that it was still on but will need a chair for next year in order to keep fair going.

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- Child Care – we advised parents of the PTA that the PTA will offer Child Care at the PTA meetings courtesy of Colonie Youth Center free of Charge.
- Red Light Activities were discussed as to what is considered a red /yellow or green light and we can still proceed with certain activities as long as we have proper forms sent to parents for their consent to allow their child to participate in these activities.
- JoAnne Foglia discussed the new E-Newsletter that will be going out in October for the PTA. It will have a list of upcoming events, meetings, descriptions on committees and volunteers needed as well as people to chair the events. Will be available on SSN and will be either twice a month or once a month at least.

**Building Council:** No meeting and no report

#### **Request for Funds:**

Lori O'Connor requested \$200.00 for box tops promotions as in pizza party, prizes and other ideas

\*Motion by Chris and accepted by Lisa

Ms Wing requested \$500.00 for production of Aladdin, explained that it is \$1000.00 just for the script rights.

\*Motion by Rose Valenti and accepted by Lori

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10/17 at 6:45

Meeting adjourned, 7:40pm

Thank You,

JoAnne Foglia (PTA Secretary)