

Salisbury Central School PTO Minutes

September 13, 2011

Attendance: Weezie Fallon, Marianne Ostendorf, Tracy Kaufman, Karen Bibro, Shelley Maffucci, Tara Hadzima, Tracy Dowd, Abeth Slotnick, Kim Gnerre, Mary Shook, Jill Esterson, Karen Lundeen, Amy McKee, & Erin Simmons of Scoville Memorial Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm

Principal's Report: Due to a conflict, Mr. Butwill was unable to attend. His letter to the PTO touched on the wonderful opening of the school year as well as informing us that the CMT scores have been mailed to parents and he will review how well SCS did overall at the September 26th Board of Education meeting at 5:30pm in the Library.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy spoke of our current balance of \$1,000, standard practice for the beginning of the year; insurance has been paid from those funds. Tracy shared a concern that to her knowledge, the PTO has never filed taxes; the PTO officers have never been led to believe it was necessary. She is going to contact some accountants to explore our responsibilities.

New Business:

- Ice Cream Social – great attendance; people liked being hosted in the cafeteria as it lent a cozier feel. Note: The school doesn't like the kids roaming throughout the school without teachers in their classrooms to host/chaperone.
- Genevieve's – runs through September 23rd; feedback has been positive to date. Believe Kids is another fundraising company suggested for us to explore.
- Book Fair - Kim Gnerre will co-chair with Connie Gott. Dates of the Fair are Oct.17-21 with Open House night on Thursday, the 20th. They are exploring with Chris Butwill using Scholastic Dollars which stretches our profit considerably as opposed to cash.
- Mini-grant request for the Second Grade made by Karen Lundeen. The Second Grade Team is hoping to arrange for Jonathan Doster to work again with the children in their Nature Detective unit. Because of the increased population of Second Grade, the cost is \$350. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to award the money to the Second Grade Team.

Other Business:

- Erin Simmons shared that Hood ice cream is very generous with donations (coupons for products) for non-profits.
- Shelly Maffucci spoke as Box Tops coordinator for this year. With last year's success, she will hold monthly contests again. The classroom with the greatest number submitted will be awarded a healthy snack provided as follows: Sept.: Karen B.; Oct.: Weezie; Nov.: Marianne; Dec.: Tracy; Jan.: Shelley; Feb.: Abeth; March: Tara; April: Jill; May & June: TBD. Shelly will create an article or letter to the Lakeville Journal and The Salisbury Sampler making community members aware of our efforts, what we have done with the BoxTops profit in the past as well as to inform everyone that there are collection boxes at Scoville Library and at SCS.

- Weezie reminded everyone of the opportunity to enroll, or re-enroll, yourself with various store and on-line reward programs naming SCS as your chosen beneficiary. An email will be sent school wide. This is great found money for the PTO much like BoxTops.
- Directory forms have gone out. The directory will be emailed to everyone and hard copies provided to those who selected that choice.
- Erin Simmons asked if kids might like to have a pen pal as well as if there is any interest in a mother/daughter or parent/child book club. She is continually looking for ways to integrate herself and Scoville Library in the SCS community. Please relay any suggestions to her. Erin will again host creating Spooky Halloween Cookie Houses at the Library during the first weekend in October.
- Abeth Slotnick asked about creating a cleat swap box for soccer season. In fact Lisa McAuliffe, Rec. Director, has one already established. Please contact Lisa if you are interested in participating. Mention was made as well about past attempts of holding a costume exchange prior to Halloween. If anyone has the inclination to spearhead this event, Weezie will support it with publicity via email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm in the Library.