

Liberty Bell School PTA Meeting

1/10/2013

Denise Miller called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

Board Members present: Denise Miller, Shawn Kressler, Kim Adams, Connie Mantz, Amy Wilkins & Patricia Allen.

Mr. Samuel Hafner, Principal, was also in attendance.

School Business:

- * Budget - Patricia Allen reported: the following: We made \$675 in Spirit Wear, \$526 - Holiday Shoppe, \$1128.00 - Scholastic Book Fair, \$480 - Spanish Immersion Book Fair, and received \$1500 from the Good Manners performance. PTA contributed \$235.00 for Odyssey of the Mind.
- * Art Show/BINGO Night - A sign up sheet is available for volunteers to sign up to help set up art work during the week of the Art Show
- * Campbell Soup points are going to be redeemed for prizes for BINGO.
- * Chick-fill-A Night - looking for a date for Liberty Bell Spirit Night.
- * Patty Spitzer recommended looking into the Wonderland Castle for a Spirit Night. They have laser tag among other activities for kids. Lower Milford had a spirit night there. Denise Miller will check into it for a possible Spirit Night.
- * Mr. Hafner spoke. He thanked Mrs. Kessler and Holiday Shoppe committee and helpers for a successful and fun night. He went over the winter play ground guidelines that was noted on LB news letter. The make up dates for hurricane Sandy are 1/21, 2/15 and 4/1. If we don't have additional snow days, the school board may give us back 4/1. There will be early dismissal on 1/28...12:50pm PSSA testing is April 8th - 19th. During the test, the 3rd grade will have a trial writing test this year. 3rd grade will

have a Reading/Writing test next year. He asked that parents refrain from taking trips during the week of PSSAs.

Mr. Hafner said that once a play ground is decided upon, there will be a special assembly and he will dress up as Jabba the Hut.

A Liberty Bell family suffered from a house fire and is in need of Wal-Mart and Giant gift cards to help them while they without a permanent home. Mr. Hafner will send home a flyer requesting donations and also send out a phone message. The PTA decided to collect the money and purchase the gift cards thru the Scripp program.

Mr. Hafner reminded the PTA that students can not attached/give food treats with their valentine cards. Students can give non food items such as pencils or stickers.

There will be a Mad Science Assembly tomorrow. There will be a flyer for the Mad Science after school program. This program will be on Wednesdays after school for 6 weeks beginning on January 23rd. thru February 2/27. The theme is Chemistry.

* Passport to the World - Will take place the week of April 22nd. More information to follow.

* Go for the Greens - Scheduled for Friday, March 15th. Cafeteria will serve a green vegetable. Patricia Allen and Amy Wilkins will coordinate event.

* Spring Scholastic Book Fair - Kim D. and Diana I. will co-chair the fair. Need volunteers to help during the sale.

* PSSA Testing - JoJo Cacace will chair the committee. She will need help organizing snacks & pencils for classrooms. Not a lot of hours to volunteer. She has a \$300 allotment for supplies/snacks and any other expenses. She is in need of motivational ideas. Please email her if you can contribute any ideas of would like to help.

- * Earth Day - Need a committee. Would like an activity kids to help make them think about conservation. Earth Day is April 22nd.
- * Teacher Appreciation - PTA Board is looking for ideas to show the teachers appreciation for their hard work. We would like to offer 1 big gift instead of small gifts. We continue to have meals for the teachers.
- * Spring Festival- Shawn Kressler started planning. She needs volunteers to help set up between 3pm - 4pm that day. She also needs volunteers to help control the kids on the bouncy blow up houses. There will be food, games, tattoos. She has a small prize box that each child can earn once they complete all the games. The event will be on Friday, May 17th from 5pm - 8 pm.
- * Inside Scoop Spirit Night - tentative date June 6th.
- * Playground - Denise has been in contact with Little Tikes to finalize plans for the new playground. The Rep. from Little Tikes is to meet with the school district on January 12th. Installation for the play ground is expensive. PTA Board has met to discuss some final planning ideas. We want to make sure the playground is done properly the 1st time. There will be a meeting with the School Board on 1/23 to discuss the plans.
- * Miscellaneous Business - JoJo Cacace suggested that the Spanish Immersion book sale be advertised as books for everyone. There is a misconception that the books to be sold are in Spanish.

Mr. Markley is working on the spring play, called American Symbols. 53 students have signed up to be in the play. The play will be on March 8th. There have been a lot of support from parents.

Denise called the meeting adjourned @ 9:45 pm