

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
June 9, 2009

Attendance: Helen Brady, Lisa Immerblum, Lynn Carlisto, Laura Sweig, Gayle Mottola, Katie Coppola, Angela Welsh, Leah Irvine, Judi Callan, Becky Williams, Erika Sherman, Kathy Cucchiarella, Susan Taylor, Julie Gorecki, Kim Moros

Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 10:03 AM

I. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

II. Treasurer's Report (by email, read by Gayle Mottola)

- Treasurer's report was not ready.
- Once Tag Sale is reconciled Linda Graffitti will email a report for a final wrap up

III. Committee Reports

**Nominating Committee**

- Becky Williams reviewed the open committees:  
Gift Wrap and Education Committee still have no district chairs
- Next year's officers were presented and voted on and APPROVED:  
President – Judi Callan  
Vice President – Debbie Aidala  
Treasurer – Linda Graffitti  
Recording Secretary – Teresa Lombardi  
Corresponding Secretary – Gayle Mottola

**PR**

- Lex Kessler was not at the meeting. Lynn Carlisto will ask him to email a report on Tusker Tuesdays to the board.

**Website**

- Laura Sweig reported that Patti Calautti will co-chair with her as webmaster next year.
- During the summer, please send anything you have for website to Laura.
- Try to get information to them early.
- Send the calendar information ASAP.
- By-laws are now online.

**Tag Sale**

- Did well for the first year.
- Sold about 50 spots this year.
- It is on next year's calendar for 6/5/10
- Some signs were taken down before the event.

**Wellness**

- Helen Brady reported the beginning of an audit of foods provided in the school cafeterias.

IV. Old Business

**School Supplies/Scholarship Money**

- We will not be doing school supplies anymore.
- Primrose supply list is posted online. SIS list is either already posted or will be posted shortly.
- SMS supply list is not finalized yet.
- A Constant Contact email will be sent stating that we are not doing school supplies anymore. Shopping portal information may be sent along with this email.
- Big Top in the JV Mall offered to make up supply packages.
- One idea was to give supply scholarship money as gift cards along with instructions on how to shop through the shopping portal.
- Presidents from each unit need to figure out how much money they can give for scholarships.
- Judi Callan and Becky Williams will speak to Teresa Reda.
- At the next Council meeting we need to establish criteria as to who gets scholarship money.

V. New Business

- Susan Taylor reported that she and Debbie Aidala are on the District Office Relocation Committee. They will tour all schools to survey available space. The committee's next meeting is in September and their goal is to give a recommendation to the BOE by Thanksgiving.

VI. Adjourn

Lynn Carlisto thanked everyone for their hard work and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29AM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Gayle Mottola, Corresponding Secretary for  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
May 12, 2009

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Helen Brady, Lex Kessler, Lisa M. Immerblum, Lynn Carlisto, Laura Sweig, Gayle Mottola, Linda Graffitti, Katir Coppola, Angela Welsh, Leah Irvine, Judi Callan, Becky Williams, Erika Sherman, Kathy Cucchiarella,

Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:17AM

I. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

II. Treasurer's Report

- see attached report
- Camp night is not wrapped up yet
- No money in yet from Senator Leibel
- Council dues line will be redistributed
- We must make a push for book dedication next year

III. Committee Reports

**Green Week**

- Green Week celebrated in each school
  - Primrose –garden started in each classroom-vegetable gardens look great
  - SIS- every grade had an opportunity to work outside in the gardens
  - SMS-focused on recycling
  - SHS-reusable lunch containers focus

### **Fundraising:**

- June 14<sup>th</sup> -PTA Used Clothing collection in HS parking lot
- Talked about sending letters home in summer packets for help/support
- Possibility of sending a donation letter out -Looking to form a fall fundraiser committee
- Work harder to get the fundraising chairs to report success so that we can send “Your PTA \$\$\$ at Work Constant Contacts”

### **Legislation & PR**

- Waiting on High School to vote on camp sponsorship
- Discussed the 3 level donation plan during the membership drive for next year-need info by beginning of June-must sit down with Dr. Marien to keep her informed.

### **Website Update:**

\* “ Community Bulletin Board” - need to have further discussions on this topic

### **Reflections:**

\* BOE holding the reflections reception later tonight at Primrose – 20 students participated-13 advanced to Regional competition – 7 advanced to States – 2 students placed at the State level

### Nominating

- Becky reviewed open positions:  
Gift wrap needs District Chair  
Council positions have been filled:  
Pres of Council –Judi Callan  
VP - Debbie Aidala  
Treasurer- Linda Graffitti  
Corr. Secy- Gayle Mottola  
Rec. Secy- Teresa Lombardi

#### IV. Old Business

- Flea Market has 35 sign ups-Bria will donate dumpster if needed.
- Professional signs will be ordered for the event

#### VI. New Business

- Ask the elephant questions:-
  - use of mini-laptops in the HS to develop computer skills
  - Local store interested in carrying school supplies

#### V. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47AM . The next meeting is June 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
April 21, 2009

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Linda Graffitti, Gayle Mottola, Lynn Carlisto, Katie Coppola, Kathy Cucchiarella, Linda Morgante, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Catherine Vinci

Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:16 AM

I. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

II. Treasurer's Report

- see attached report
- Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast to possibly be put on council budget- Guidelines for next year will be prepared

III. Committee Reports

**Fundraising:**

\* Unit level meeting took place-recommendation made to keep Sally Foster for one more year (Sally Foster meeting scheduled for 4/29)- plan to keep cookie dough and gift wrap only-Entertainment Books will not be offered next year

\* Suggested splitting gift wrap & cookie dough chairs at each level- Presidents will get contracts to sign after 4/29

\* Discussed possibility of asking for straight donations

\* Possible increase of dues during refilling years

**Green Week**

- First year our PTA recognized Environmental Education Week (4/12-4/18)- focus on "Be Water Wise"-district wide e-mail sent to Somers residents to conserve water
- Earth Boxes at SIS-Green & Education Committee provided new reading materials and games about the environment for indoor recess at SIS
- Snack Attack: SIS PTA Wellness committee focused on improving our children's snacks through an interactive learning program

- Garbage Bag Count- SMS Green Committee recorded the volume of garbage generated at lunch by students during a normal week-to be compared with the volume of garbage generated during Green Week-when focus will be placed on recycling, composting and waste free lunch
- SMS PTA Education committee compiling a library of DVD's for SMS students to watch during indoor recess- The "Human Footprint" was the first DVD purchased-using impressive visuals, it presents the impact of an average human life today.

### **Legislation & PR**

- Take another look at obtaining volunteers for PR Committee other than Delegates
- Lex attended Presidents meeting to discuss & answer questions on camp sponsorship-will ask Lex to attend and present to other schools
- Discussion took place on having a "paid person" monitoring camp sponsorship & handling PR for us-suggested starting sponsorship without paid person for one year
- Camp sponsorships must be voted on at each level at each meeting
- Presidents to put together a camp sponsorship committee to work out specific details to report back to council
- Outside council must be brought in to review 2 year sponsorship contract
- Info to be brought back to all chairs of each school within next week
- Will discuss with Dr. Marien once the camp sponsorship is organized
- Vote passed at council meeting to have a Camp Sponsorship committee at council level

### **Website Update:**

- School based functions will be posted on website-posting flyer for school play
- "Remember to Vote" will be posted 2 weeks before the vote
- Once debate date is confirmed there will be a constant contact generated

### **Reflections**

\* Talked about getting some local press-Laura S will work on getting a release from parents

### **Nominating**

\* Becky W. & Laura O- Nominating Committee-slate must be presented at next meeting

#### IV. Old Business

\* Considering having other groups come to Tag Sale to sell baked goods-PTA will not sell baked goods-

#### VI. New Business

### **Mini-Grants**

- Receiving many requests from teachers to fund projects-be watchful about what is being approved-possibly partner up and meet half way
- Discussed posting the Council Manuals on website or have on a CD
- Pictures in PTA Newsletters-further discussion needed on this topic-possibly come up with our own policy on next years membership form

#### V. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM . The next meeting is May 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
March 24, 2009

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Helen Brady, Kim Moros, Angela Welsh ,Katie Coppola, Judith Callan, Lynn Carlisto, Becky Williams, Kathy Cucchiarella, Laura Sweig, Julie Gorecki, Erika Sherman, Susan Taylor, Cathy Vinci

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:21 AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

\*See attached report.

IV. Committee Reports

**Fundraising:**

- Final cookie dough sales to K-8 will be reported in April
- Working on developing a formula for next year to determine Septa Contribution-this year amount will remain at \$750
- Recap meeting to be scheduled to discuss which vendor contracts will renewed-no contracts to be signed until all is finalized
- Suggested bringing back Innisbrook-
- Discussed moving forward with Cafe Press
- Annual Giving Campaign and setting clear goals discussed

**Green Week**

- Major recycling focus in all 3 schools-SMS- Crocks & Nike Sneakers-SIS & Primrose – any #5 plastic containers-collection bins will be at the schools
- SIS & Primrose will compost
- Outdoor garden work on-going at SIS & Primrose
- Green School Coalition to take place this Saturday-each school has 9 representatives

- April 23-PTA & TOWN to host Green Evening at SMS- Focus on energy conservation tips & climate changes
- Hopes are to have SHS involved at some level-there is no contact in HS at this time
- School wide programs include roadside clean-up and tree plantings at SMS, SIS, Primrose
- Green Activities will be included in Council newsletter
- Earth Hour will be sent out via constant contact

### **Legislation & PR**

- Camp sponsorship must be taken to each school and approved from general
- NYS PTA presented 2009's Legislative/Education Conference "Take New Steps Toward Advocacy" from February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 1st in Albany
- Shop to Earn Website is set-up & ready to post-can be accessed from council website - will have District wide custom contact

### **Website Update:**

- Confirming subscriptions has been dropped-old ones will be put in manually
- Discussed staffing the website for next year
- We Are Discussing page to include: Rachel's Challenge, Flea Market/Tag Sale

### **Reflections**

- 22 entries were sent on to Regional-7 went on to states only 1 goes to National
- 2 Somers Middle School students received Awards of Merit at state level

### Nominating

- Nominating committee formed-sign up flyers to be distributed
- Julie G will work on getting SMS nominating volunteers

### V. Old Business

- Flyers have been distributed for "Walkathon in Honor of Lynn Adams"
- Tag Sale changed to Flea Market
- Cost of Heritage Hills Ad is \$40
- Discussed having Lex Kessler attend a Presidents meeting to further discuss the camp sponsorship

### VI. New Business

### VI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM . The next meeting is April 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
February 24, 2009

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Linda Graffitti, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Helen Brady, Gayle Mottola, Katie Coppola, , Julie Gorecki, Leah Irvine, Debbie Aidala, Lisa Immerblum, Angela Welsh, Lex Kessler, Linda Morgante, Kathy Cucchiarella

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:16AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

\*See attached report.

IV. Committee Reports

**Fundraising:**

- Final cookie dough sales to K-8 will be reported shortly
- Working on developing a formula for next meeting to determine Septa Contribution
- Recap meeting to be held in March to discuss which vendor contracts will renewed

**Green Week**

\* See attached report

**Legislation & PR**

- Summer camp sponsorship ready for approval –discussed having Lex submit more info to Council to review before approval takes place
- Committee still working on...past presidents dinner
- Tusker Tuesdays has launched
- Shopping portal fundraiser discussed - once a month monies will be deposited into checking account

**Website Update:**

\* Shop to earn will be added to the website once it is ready to launch

V. Old Business

- Vote took place to discontinue Pre-packaged school supplies
- Teachers must distribute supply list by June –to be discussed with Dr. Marien

VI. New Business

\*Rachels Challenge - funding was discussed; Julie Gorecki will contact Jen Maestri regarding the possibility of obtaining funds from SIS and Primrose PTA to assist with costs.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM . The next meeting is March 24, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

**Green Report:**

All Green Week chairs participated in the second Parent Teacher Sustainability Meeting, faculty representatives from each school together with Gerry Paige and John Griffiths were also in attendance. Julie Gherardi is the host of this meeting.

The PTA will be represented at the Westchester Green Schools Alliance at Teatown Lake Reservation on Saturday 3/28 by Helen Brady. Eight schools (inc. Scarsdale & Katonah-lewisboro) will be represented by nine people (District (1), Building Admin (2), Teachers (3), Students (2), Parent (1)). The meeting hosted by CELF will give all participants an opportunity to discuss the green developments in their District and how they can work together going forward.

Green Week events are well underway at all schools - more details at the next meeting

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
January 27, 2009

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Linda Graffitti, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Judi Callan, Helen Brady, Gayle Mottoia, Katie Coppola, Julie Gorecki, Becky Williams, Catherine Vinci, Leah Irvine, Debbie Aidala, Lisa Immerblum, Angela Welsh, Erika Sherman, Lex Kessler, Susan Moon

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:16AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

\* See attached report.

IV. Committee Reports

Fundraising:

\* Gift Wrap to be discussed at next meeting

Green Week

- Primrose started vegetable garden where butterfly garden is located- butterfly garden to be expanded to include other insects
- Composting project to be introduced
- SIS is still collecting caps & E-cycling
- SMS chairs to meet with DJ Colella (Science Coordinator) to find suitable green project to work on in the school
- Green Week is scheduled for 4/20-4/24-it will include roadside pickup. Town will assist us with advertising tree plantings-the town has many events planned
- Wellness committee had there first meeting in December-they are reviewing wellness policies-healthy snack guidelines to be introduced
- SIS Garden donating basil to food service
- Somers will be represented at Bedford Energy Saving Workshops in January
- Would like to establish a PTA GREEN policy

## Legislation & PR

- Basic Policy will be re-circulated
- Received one camp proposal
- Discussed Tusker Tuesday Fundraiser by local restaurants - PR committee can publicize & ways to have it run smoothly
- Rachel's Challenge approved - PR committee to help get the word out to the community (SHF grant submitted to assist with cost)

## Website Update:

- Accuracy of the counter was discussed
- Thanks given for e-cycling email
- Green Week & Budget will be added to the "We're discussing page"
- A discussion took place about publicizing Somers Tuskers Night on website

## Reflections -

- All packets were submitted for judging-not sure about when results will be announced

## Tag Sale - June 6<sup>th</sup> Raindate June 7<sup>th</sup>

- \* Cost will be \$40 per spot-may do every other spot
- \* Agreed on midsize dumpster for \$40
- \* There will be 2 porto-potties on site @ 150 each (this is also contingent on how many spots are sold)
- \* PTA will sell food

## Mini Grants -

- \* Schools can lower & raise mini grant amounts by unit
- Old Business-carried forward to next meeting...
- Changing the mini grant amount

## Walkathon In Honor of Lynn Adams

- to be held on the morning of Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Sensitivity message must be relayed to the organizers of the event

VI. New Business

- Nominating committee must be put together – must have a Committee chair by February 24th meeting- State posted positions by April 21<sup>st</sup> – Vote is May 12th

V. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31AM. The next meeting is February 24, 2009

Respectfully submitted:

Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
December 16th, 2008

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Laura Sweig, Judi Callan, Kathy  
Cucchiarella, Gayle Mottola, Katie Coppola, Lex Kessler, Erika Sherman, Debbie  
Aidala, Linda Graffitti, Kim Moros, Julie Gorecki, Susette Acoella, Linda Morgante,  
Susan Moon, Helen Brady

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:24 AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with a few minor changes

III. Treasurer's Report

\* See attached report.

IV. Committee Reports

Fundraising:

\* Will report at next meeting - still awaiting reports from 2 units

Green

- Green Week scheduled for April 20-24<sup>th</sup> - There are green chairs in Primrose, SIS and SMS and they are working on a permanent contact in the Environmental Club in the High School.
- Small scale tree plantings will be taking place this year - would like to involve the entire community not just the schools

### **Parent Programs**

- Camp night letters have gone out
- Discussion took place with Yorktown to increase cost to about \$50-\$55

### **Public Relations:**

- RFP for Summer Camp sponsorships went out-will make financial offer & proposal
- Needs & opportunities PTA spreadsheet will be complete by February and sortable by audience
- Message decided is "Your PTA \$\$\$'s at work" Join & support [www.somersptacouncil.org](http://www.somersptacouncil.org)
- This consistent message will go out on all PTA flyers for all schools
- Discussed having a School directory with sponsorships at different levels
- Shop to Earn will be launched
- Past Presidents dinner or Casino night fundraisers discussed-offsite dinner to be possibly planned

### **Legislation:**

- All unit positions expected to read basic policy & where we stand
- Discussed No Child Left Inside Act if passed this will be an amazing grant opportunity & bringing outdoor education on the school curriculum

### **Education Committee**

- New indoor games purchased for Primrose
- Part of the OCC database is up & running at SIS
- Plans are in place to purchase DVD's for indoor recess that will reflect national monthly themes

**Website Update:**

- Laura will be adding Green Week , No child left inside and NYS PTA legislation on “We’re discussing page”
- Entertainment Card activation reminder to be placed on website
- Rachel’s Challenge will be added

V. **Old Business:**

- \* Tag sale date changed - looking into new dates May 30/31 or June 6/7. Erika will price out Cartwright for better rates & the possibility of keeping the school open.
- Diversity issues raised –no changes have been seen at the school level– has been 7 months - Biggest concern is Rachel’s Challenge & movie festival
- Looking into Ouch tools (Training program dealing with “How to speak up about stereotypes, diversity & inclusion training) at SIS & Primrose

VI. **New Business**

\* Honoring Lynn Adams – discussed book dedication, 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Community Service Awards, Walkathon on July 4<sup>th</sup>

VII. Adjourn

| Meeting was adjourned a 11:02 AM. The next meeting January 27, 2008

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
November 25, 2008

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Judi Callan, Kathy Cucchiarella, Gayle Mottola, Katie Cappola, Becky Williams, Lorena Cole, Lex Kessler, Carol Cirieco, Lisa Immerblum, Angela Welsh, Erika Sherman, Debbie Aidala,

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:15AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

\* See attached report.

\* Pre-packaged supplies cost SIS \$1900-small profit to be made - generated \$1000 from each school.

IV. Committee Reports

**Fundraising:**

\* Final Gift Wrap figures will be ready next month

\* Discussed straight donation as a possibility for next year (this will be discussed at the next PR committee meeting )

\* Returning to Innisbrook was mentioned

\* Clothing Fundraiser (SMS) collected 6,444 pounds of clothes - received \$844.30 & \$100 bonus for having over 5000 pounds

\* Tag Sales rescheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> rain date May 17<sup>th</sup>

\* Parent Program co-ordinator in Primrose & SHS needed

\* We need more help for camp night in January

\* Should we be charging more for camp night? Lorena will look into what Yorktown charges.

\* Bus Driver Appreciation scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> - flyers will be circulated For basket donations

\* Bricks can be added at \$80/brick (last chance), pay to SMS PTA

Parent Program

Bus Driver Appreciation

### **Legislation:**

- \*There will indeed be a budget cut next year-unsure of how much
- \*Decision made to send parents to State PTA website to submit letters-letters do make a difference (Laura & Lynn will work on this)
- \* NYS Education Commissioner to retire
- \* Lex Kessler will work with Laura to put links on Web for Basic Policy & Where We Stand articles –all unit positions expected to read it
- \* Budget Cuts & partnering with the schools was discussed
- \* Dr. Marien joined the meeting to discuss Budget Cuts –very important to still lobby & have a strong voice-got permission to use the backpacks for to parents-wait until end of January to see how we proceed

### **Public Relations:**

- \*Position Paper has been approved by the Presidents and is attached to the minutes for review
- \* Beginning a needs and opportunities analysis for each PTA unit, to consolidate prior to next meeting-intend to attach/create message to all media/communication, i.e. “PTA Touches Lives”
- \* Fundraiser ideas (one will be proposed at Dec. Meeting) some ideas generated a)past presidents dinner b) school wide Pine Wood Derby c) shop online to benefit PTA
- \* PR Committee to generate an RFP fro Summer Trails and/or Camp Kiwi sponsorship/participation at Council level with some reach into the units, schedule RFP for Dec, proposal review & recommendation for January.

**Website Update:**

\*Laura updated us with the retirement of our webmaster and Council agreed to contribute 25/per unit for a dinner out as a gesture of appreciation

\*Word forms are now fill able please use tables and text boxes for this purpose

**Red Ribbon**

\*Council approved e-mail vote for Red Ribbon funds for Vision Warrior

**Education Committee**

\* No response from High School re: Education Committee-will discuss Dr. Marien

V. Old Business-carried forward to next meeting...

VI. New Business

\*by law examination is being scheduled by Lynn

V. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned a 11:30 AM. The next meeting January 16, 2008

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
October 21, 2008

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Linda Graffitti, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Judi Callan, Kathy Cucchiarella, Helen Brady, Gayle Mattola, Katie Cappola, Julie Gorecki, Becky Williams, Susette Acocella, Catherine Vinci, Leah Irvine, Lorena Cole, Lex Kessler, Lisa Immerblum

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:20AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

\* See attached report.

\* Discussed school supply overage-we are responsible for shipping

\* Tax return is all prepared & ready to be signed

\* Confirmed funding of Red Ribbon week HS speaker

\* Lets start Leibell Paperwork earlier next year for Red Ribbon

\* Discussed public postings of Council tax returns, budgets & minutes

\* Taglines on all flyers-\$\$ raised & spent

IV. Committee Reports

**Public Relations:**

\* Presidential Education Advisor Debate being aired on 10/21 -decision made to publicize via constant contact

\* Bully Law & Special education laws discussed

\* Tap into SIS Photographers to work with PR committee

**Website Update:**

\* Increase in online signups

\* Primrose paperless initiative discussed

\* Adding more e-mail work to Corresponding Secretary role???

**Fundraising:**

- \* Is down from previous years but we did better than we thought
- \* Take a look at list of activities that go on during the same time-Kathy will bring grid to next meeting
- \* Looking into Learning Express Holiday shopping discount night for SIS & Primrose

**Red Ribbon**

- \* Kick off cancelled lack of volunteers
- \* Chair received numerous inquires-use these names for next year

**Education Committee**

- \* Officer Todd to possibly speak to children in schools about the dangers in talking to strangers etc.

V. Old Business-carried forward to next meeting...

VI. New Business

May Council meeting moved to the 12th

V. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM. The next meeting November 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted:  
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary

Somers PTA  
Council Meeting  
September 23, 2008

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Linda Graffitti, Kim Moros, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Judi Callan, Kathy Cucchiarella, Helen Brady, Lynn Adams, Gayle Mattola, Katie Cappola, Kim Castellano, Julie Gorecki, Linda Morgante, Becky Williams, Susette Acocella, Catherine Vinci, Leah Irvine, Debbie Aidala

I. Call to Order

\* Meeting was called to order by Lynn Carlisto at 9:20AM

II. Approval of Minutes

\* Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

\* See attached report.

\* Discussed and approved 2008-2009 budgets.

IV. Committee Reports

\* **PrePacked supplies**-overage for 5<sup>th</sup> grade-trying to get credit back from company-plan is to have Mr. G's support next year..Reviewed scholarship piece (lack of control)

\* **Green Week**- Water Bottle fundraiser now in SMS, Soup Day at SIS-large volunteer turnout, Green Chairs and teachers to meet discuss Best Practices

\* Possible Primrose Garden-Primrose paper-less initiative rolls out

\* Trails at SIS are open

**Fundraising:**

\* Tough year for Entertainment guide

\* How can we promote PTA & how we give back???

\* Lets make teachers visible at the events

\* Primrose 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-possible Gazebo fundraiser??

**Red Ribbon Week**

\* awaiting contact from the chair....

\* \$5000 Senator Liebel funding-Lynn will talk to Scott

**Reflections** - packets went out this week-theme is "WOW"