

Somers PTA
Council Meeting
October 20, 2009

Attendance: Teresa Lombardi, Lynn Carlisto, Linda Graffitti, Laura Sweig, Judi Callan, Kathy Cucchiarella, Gayle Mottola, Katie Coppola, Julie Gorecki, Lex Kessler, Angela Welsh, Alexis Freiman, Liz Stone., Laura Sweig, Rita Christensen, Christine Spencer, Kristen Iorizzo, Mary Senzamici, Mary Ward, Erika Sherman, Patti Calautti.
Linda Morgante

I. Call to Order

* Meeting was called to order by Judi Callan at 8:59AM

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

*See attached report.

* Forms submitted to accountant to prepare tax return

Committee Reports

Public Relations:

- Waiting for legal review of camp sponsorship
- Tusker Tuesdays- waiting for update from restaurants
- Shop to Earn: need to get word out. Katie will speak to all Presidents at each level to discuss the program. Meet with Helen to discuss green products

Website Update:

- Mary Beth Murphy has been receptive to having a "youth" category on town website
- We must develop a policy regarding posting items
- It is BOE week-considering sending out a district wide note of thanks
- Should we consider posting PTA by-laws on line?

Fundraising:

- 32% down from last year
- Brainstorming ideas/possible simple donations

Red Ribbon

- * Kick off cancelled –discussed possibility of discontinuing kickoffs and direct all money to children’s programs-in lieu of kickoff “all should wear red” Need to get word out about what RR true meaning is.
- * Drug free bracelets were used the HS students
- * Chair received numerous inquires-use these names for next year
- * Need to ensure we know where supplies are stored & get an inventory of what is left
- *Chair would like to have a meeting next June with all RRW chairs-we need to regroup and plan for next year
- * We need an entire committee dedicated to decorating the town
- *Have wellness committee work together with RR Committee. Wellness committee working on free visual programs-consistent throughout the year

Legislation

- Each PTA unit has one vote if you have 100 members-reminder to cast your vote-14 up for retention

Welcome Committee

- * Have met with all schools –no more paper distributed-contact by phone and e-mail to inform newcomers of all information needed

Presidents Reports:

SIS

- *SIS Birthday Party contributions are down
- *School pictures ran smoothly
- *Students will be wearing red ribbons for RR day
- *Recycling Center working with SIS
- *Staff Appreciation Lunch 12/9
- *Learning Express fundraiser 11//9 -11/13

SMS

- 8th grade dance ran smoothly
- Successful cookie dough fundraiser
- Somers Tuskers & Red Ribbon are working together and have a lot of good stuff planned-bookmark contest-week long activities
- Book Fair ran smoothly
- Membership committee attended open house-worked hard to get more sign ups-Laura S working to get Directory through the backpack
- Successful recycling initiative in SMS lunchroom-
- Authors day to be held in the Spring - Naomi Shihab Nye will visit SMS
- Canned food drive for local food pantry will take place in November
- Looking into a possible fundraiser with emergency kits..more info to follow

Primrose

- Book Fair to take place next Tues.
- Doughnuts for Dads will take place again this year
- Holiday Happiness is December 5, 2010
- Learning Express fundraiser 11/9-11/13

High School

- Need more help for Staff Appreciation Lunch
- HS had speaker from Nurses of America
- Committees still in need of chairs: Driver Safety & Education
- High school has new guidance counselor
- Trunkline has been distributed

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

- * Pay on line was discussed -will explore possibility of utilizing this process- need to find out if not-for-profits do not pay for it
- * Lets revisit with Dr. Marien the "Drug Free" message at SIS

IV. New Business

- Rachel's Challenge will be held on November 18, 2010-Parent Programs will dedicate \$1000-SEPTA \$500-HS \$1500-District to take care of the rest-Vote took place and passed
- Must ensure that Rachel's Challenge stays in the minds and hearts all year round. Lets be proactive not reactive in the High School-lets discuss with Dr. Marian
- Katie Coppola working on Green House initiative-more info to follow
- Website committee deserves kudos at each school-they are responding to Entire PTA community regarding the going green initiative
- * Mary Senzamici met with each school about our book dedication program trying to come up with new ideas to get the word out about this great program
- BOE meeting tonight-Missy Vece is willing to make announcements-"wear red tomorrow", Reminder for parents to sign up for PTA e-mail and membership
- * Clothing Fundraiser is Sunday October 24, 9am-12:30pm SMS lower parking lot

VI Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:29AM. The next meeting November 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted:
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary