

Somers PTA Council Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2010

Attendance: Judi Callan, Susan Taylor, Laura Sweig, Angela Welsh, Linda Graffitti, Lex Kessler, Gayle Mottola, Teresa Lombardi, Mary Ward, Julie Gorecki, Kathy Cucchiarella, Becky Williams, Kim Moros

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – A motion is not needed to approve the minutes. The President asks for corrections or changes.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. No 1099 filed for PTA
- B. Checking account balance = \$5,484.81 as of last week

III. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising

- 1. Discussion took place about “Hassle Free Fundraising”, should it be posted on the website, each President would need to decide, possibly have a more personalized approach having it picked up at the meet the teacher night in the classroom. More thought needs to be put into this. Good idea to start this planning now.
- 2. Shop To Earn is picking up. More activity than before-we have made at least \$200.

B. Reflections – 3 Reflection Regional winners going to States. Let's talk further about posting this on our website.

V. New Business:

- 1. Council Executive Committee will be meeting at Judi's house Wednesday February 10th at 10am.
- 2. Judi has requested every Chair to review and update their job description. Laura will see if we have an editable on-line version.
- 3. SMS has changed their graduation date to the same date as SHS. Parents are upset. PTA was not part of the decision. Parents have reached out to school board members.
- 4. Beijing Performance was a success. Dr. Marien is open to using the facility for other events. Next time money should be collected ahead of time.
- 5. Discussed possibility of renting storage space for all PTA's to utilize. Not enough space in schools. One possible thought is to look into purchasing Large Fire Proof File cabinets and store in SIS basement
- 6. Mary Beth Murphy joined our meeting to discuss the timing of the Heritage Hills (about 2400 condos) tax settlement. Indicators show that reductions need to be made. Unsure whether it will settle this year but we were told that it is more likely to happen in 2010.
- 7. Town Website has a lot of potential. The town will be sending out a postcard informing residents to sign up online to continue to receive the Town brochure. They will no longer be printing a paper copy.
- 8. Linda Graffiti received a letter from the Patrick Casabona Jr. Memorial Fund. They sent us 200 box tops from their holiday gathering. Their mission is to support education programs and they wish to continue to support the PTA as a premiere support organization in Somers.

VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 10:41 a.m.

Next meeting: March 9, 2010

Respectfully submitted:
Teresa Lombardi, Recording Secretary