

The Dowds School PTO met on September 8, 2009. President Jackie Wasilewski welcomed everyone. The minutes from the June 2, 2009 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved. The current balance is \$18,791.88. All the bus fees from last year's field trips have been paid.

Our condolences go to the Ralph Phillips family.

FUNDAY CLARIFICATION

The PTO does set up a rain date for the inflatables but the company usually cancels that date because they book up so fast.

FUNDRAISER

This years fundraiser has started. It will end on September 14h. Jackie has asked that each classroom has 60% participation. The teachers are asked to get their orders to the office. This is a good fundraiser for us because we get 30-50% of the sales. The company pays for all prizes, limo and etc. If anyone is interested in learning about coordinating the fundraiser or helping, see Jackie.

SOUP LABELS

A leader/coordinator is needed for this program. A goal would be to have a person from each classroom collect the soup labels and get them to the coordinator. The PTO gets credits to purchase art, music and gym equipment with this program. Collection boxes are in the classrooms.

BOX TOPS

A coordinator is also needed for this program. The PTO receives money for the turned in Box Tops. Collection boxes are in the classrooms.

BOOK FAIR

This years book fair will be November 2nd through November 6th. Kim Geary is the chairperson and would appreciate help. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact her.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Michelle Jones will coordinate this program. Information to purchase Dowds School or Shelby t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats will be sent out in October or November and the items ordered will be received by Christmas.

STAFF APPRECIATION

A coordinator is needed to plan one day a month to treat our staff. This would involve calling people on a list and setting up the day.

GO PLAY LABELS

This program has been discontinued.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

This was a success again this year. We may look at doing something for the Kindergarten Open House in the future. Shelby Food service will submit a bill for food costs.

NEW BUSINESS

SOUPER WRAPPER SUPPER

This is tentatively planned for Tuesday, October 20th pending Richard Hostetler's approval. The time will be from 4:30 to 6:30. We need a chairperson! This is our Fall Family Event and will again be a Free Will Donation. The chairperson can decide if they want to do the basket raffle this year.

STATE REPORT CARD

"Thank you" from Mr. Walker. Dowds School received an "Excellent" rating on this years State Report Card. We also received an "Above Expectation" on the progress the school has made with the students

since the last school year. This shows how the teachers, students, parents and staff work together to support our academics. The children not only learn in the classroom, but also benefit from the learning experiences of field trips etc. that the PTO and their teachers provide for them. The PTO also furnishes pencils and snacks during the tests along with other incentives. The breakfast that the PTO provides also gets the students off to a good start on test days.

NOVEMBER 3RD SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Mr. Walker would like to have a parent/leader from each classroom call the other parents and support this bond issue. We need 2000 positive votes to have this pass. All the counties around us have new schools.

FIELD TRIPS

The PTO is asking that teachers request the students pay some money towards the fieldtrips. The PTO pays for the transportation and no child is ever left behind. We pay approximately \$20.00 an hour for the driver (plus overtime if needed), driver's benefits and per mile cost. Until the results of the fundraiser are in, we will consider each field trip as it is requested.

TEACHER REQUESTS

First Grade - Miss Rinehart

Apple Hill Orchard - set for October 1st. Cost is \$5.00 per child + transportation. Last year, each child brought in \$1.00.

Suggestion was made for each child to pay \$3.00 with PTO paying the remaining cost and transportation.

Motion by Edna Karnes for PTO to pay for trip and have students pay \$3.00. Kelly Stine - second. Vote taken - all in favor.

Kindergarten - Mrs. Finn

Waynes Country Market - set for October 9th. Admission Fee is \$3.00 + transportation.

Suggestion was made for each child to pay \$2.00 with PTO paying the remaining cost and transportation.

Motion by Abbie Eith for PTO to pay for trip and have students pay \$2.00. Rebecah Williams - second. Vote taken - all in favor.

Dowds Elementary Cross Country Race - Bob Delauder

Race to be held on September 21st. Costs of ribbons will be approximately \$60.00-\$70.00 plus popsicles.

Motion by Kenda Cornette to pay up to \$100.00. Judy Fisher - second. Vote taken - approved. Mr. Delauder is to give receipts to Treasurer, Judy Fisher.

Right to Read - Linda Fuessner

This is a school wide incentive for children to read at home. This year it is a school spirit theme so Linda would like anything the PTO currently has. She is also getting other donations. She would like to purchase bookmarks and posters for each child. She will need to purchase red and gray crepe paper. Total costs = \$200.00.

The PTO currently has water bottles, pencils and folders that can be used for this program. Motion by Kim Geary to approve the \$200.00. Michelle Jones - second. Vote taken, approved.

Mrs. McClish

Shriner's picnic at Richland County Fairgrounds. There is no admission fee. Transportation fee is divided between 4 different classes and should be approximately \$39.00.

Motion by Kelly Stine to approve transportation fee. Judy Fisher - second. Vote taken - all in favor.

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Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be October 13th.