

DOWDS SCHOOL PTO

OCTOBER 13, 2009

The Dowds School PTO met on October 13, 2009. President Jackie Wasilewski called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes noted. Kim Geary made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Michelle Jones. All were in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$16,594.11. Outstanding checks are \$591.00. The teachers are asked to please get their receipts in.

Committee Reports:

Souper Wrapper Supper: Jackie Wasilewski reported that the souper wrapper supper will be October 20, 2009 from 4:30 to 6:30. This is a family event with a Free Will Donation. Workers have been contacted for three shifts. Also, if there is any soup left, it will be sold by the jar at the end.

Book Fair: Chairperson Kim Geary reported the book fair will be November 3rd from 9:00 to 4:00, November 4th from 9:00 to 6:00 and November 5th from 9:00 to 4:00. Again this year, the "no child will be left behind" program will be in place. The teachers are asked to contact Kim if someone in their classroom needs help to purchase a book. There will also be a contest this year where students from each classroom can guess the amount of macaroni in a jar. The winners will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate.

Judy Fisher, Stacey Barnes and Michellea Smith made a suggestion to supplement the "Reading Counts" program with part of the proceeds from the book fair. The remaining proceeds will be divided between the teachers. This suggestion will be taken to Mr. Walker for his approval.

Teacher Appreciation: Rebekah Williams and Rachael Yetzer volunteered to be coordinators. They will contact people to help bring dinner to the teachers during parent/teacher conferences. Tentative dates are November 9th and November 12th.

Soup Labels: Lorie Turner will be the chairperson for this program. We have volunteers to help for all of the classrooms except for three.

Box Tops: Wendy Beekman will be the chairperson for this program. We have volunteers to help for all of the classrooms except for two. First event will be during the souper wrapper supper.

School Spirit: Michelle Jones reported that Cains will do a tie-dye and red and gray swirl as options for the Dowds School and Shelby spirit shirts this year. We can also get the regular red and gray shirts. Michele is also checking on red or black messenger bags. If we do not have a color option, consensus was a black bag with red letters. These orders will be in by Thanksgiving.

Fundraiser: Jackie Wasilewski reported that the items sold will arrive on Wednesday, October 21st. Kim Geary, Rachael Yetzer, Kenda Cornette and Wendy Beekman volunteered to help. Totals look good again this year. They should equal last year's totals even though we have 26 fewer children in the school this year.

Teacher's Request for Field Trips:

The following were presented by Linda Durkin:

Kindergarten:

Gorman Nature Center in April. No admission cost. Transportation will be approximately \$100.00. They are asking PTO to purchase butterfly larva for each classroom which would be \$120.00. Approximate total \$220.00.

Playscape. They are asking for busing, picnic food and supplies.

First Grade:

Tentative Spring trip will be Gorman Nature Center Walk and Pond Exploration. Students will be asked to pay about \$2.00 to donate to Gorman Nature Center. The PTO is being asked to pay for transportation (approximately 100.00).

The PTO needs to collect the Apple Hill Orchard money from the teachers.

Second Grade:

Cleveland Museum of Natural History (April 28, 2010). Admission-66 students @ \$8.50 per student. Transportation would be approximately \$300.00. Approximate total \$861.00.

Swimming program at Shelby YMCA (January through May). The cost would be 66 students @ \$15.00 per student. Transportation would be approximately \$900.00 for 36 trips. Approximate total cost would be \$1,890.00.

In the past, a grant from the Shelby Foundation has covered the entire cost of the swimming program at the YMCA. At this time, we do not know if we have received the grant to cover this program.

Third Grade:

Morton School and the Shelby Log Cabin and Museum (October 14th, 21st and 23rd). No admission cost. Transportation would be approximately \$100.00.

Ohio Caverns (March 19, 2010). Students will be asked to pay \$3.00 each. PTO costs would be 67 students @ \$3.00 per student. Transportation would be approximately \$300.00.

Columbus Zoo (May 20, 2010). Students will be asked to pay \$2.00 each. PTO costs would be 67 students @ \$2.00 per student plus \$125.00 for educational programs and shelter to eat at. Transportation would be approximately \$200.00.

Approximate Third Grade costs would be \$1,025.00

MD:

COSI (4th Grade 10/22/09). Student will be asked to pay \$4.00. PTO would pay \$10.00.

Roadhouse (December). ¼ of transportation – Approximately \$22.00

Gorman Nature Center (April). ¼ of transportation - Approximately \$22.00

Fourth Grade presented by Stacey Barnes:

COSI (October 22, 2009). Students will be asked to pay \$4.00 each. PTO would pay transportation cost of approximately \$250.00. By going early in the year, this is ½ price admission.

Ohio Historical Society (December 4, 2009). Admission-50 students at \$7.00 per student. Transportation would be approximately \$250.00.

Approximate Fourth Grade costs would be \$850.00.

The group discussed the requests and made the decision to approve all the field trips with the exception of the Kindergarten Playscape request. Also, the second graders will be asked to pay some portion of the swimming if they do not get the Shelby Foundation Grant.

Michelle Jones made a motion to approve approximately \$4,925.00 for the requested field trips. Rachael Yetzer seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

New Business

Mr. Walker was unable to attend the meeting tonight but sent his report with Mrs. Durkin. He wanted to announce that Dowds School has been recognized as a *School of Promise* for the 2008-2009 school year. This means that our school is part of an elite group of 134 schools recognized this year for high achievement in reading and mathematics. We will receive an official banner to display in the school.

Also, a letter was sent home to the parents of the students who qualify for the Title I Services. They are being invited to visit an information table during the Dowds Souper Wrapper Supper on October 20th between 5:00 and 6:00.

Please support and encourage other people to support the Shelby City Schools Bond Issue. This is a one time offer to help build our new schools. Mr. Neff will be at the Souper Wrapper Supper to explain and answer any questions. A suggestion was made to have signs available for people to take to put in their yards.

Kenda Cornette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rachael Yetzer. All were in favor.