

PTO General Meeting
September 21, 2009

Attendees: April Davis, Amy Newman, Marni Kasproicz, Kelly Yelvington, Denise Droege, Jane Wood, Mike Sharman, Toni Kellerman, Paula Chaffee, Dan Stahr, Christine Croyle, Maggie Tesdorpf, Holly Itnyre, Jenny Ranck, Lisa Lloyd, Sue Smith, Carole Gauronskas, Ashley Power, Linda Brown, Stephanie Davis, and Sara Storter.

Amy Newman welcomed all to the meeting and expressed pleasure in having sold 700+ Dolphin Discount cards. The promotion will run through September 28th.

Chick-fil-A will be hosting our Spirit Night on Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm. KES will receive 10% of all sales from anyone going through the drive-thru or using counter service. These monies will be used for classroom needs.

Our first PTO Family Fun night will take place on Friday, November 6th, from 6:00-9:00 pm in the back bus loop and playground. April Davis is chairing the annual Fall Festival and is looking for volunteers to help in all areas - games, food, set up, clean up, etc. Please call April or Amy to sign up. It was determined that a \$1.00 per family fee will be charged as an entrance cost. The Fall Festival will coincide with the book fair in the media center.

The PTO Santa Shop will be open from December 7th - 11th and will be chaired by Paula Chaffee and Teresa Toler. To date, 1,488 items have been purchased for this event with approximately another \$400 worth of products to be purchased for this event. Paula is working on schedules now. For new members Amy explained the concept behind the shop and how the kids are walked through for their shopping pleasure. Lisa Lloyd commented on the quantity of the shopping bags and to ensure that enough bags were purchased this year.

Sue Smith noted that we will have the Parade of Babies Costume Parade on Thursday, October 29th, at 8:45 am in the bus loop. Once again, we have teamed up with the March of Dimes for this wonderful community event.

Our music department's annual holiday concert will take place again this year at Flagler College auditorium. The cost for using the facility is waived by Flagler but we still incur costs for their tech to be there and to run sound and light equipment. The cost this year will be \$5.00 per family to cover expenses. Doors will remain locked until all PTO volunteers are in place to collect funds. Toni Kellerman has volunteered again to collect donations for the Ketterlinus Holiday Fund. She will be at the main entrance. This fund was started about five years ago to support needy families of KES during the holidays.

Sue Smith also spoke with each of the grade level chairs regarding book/class needs. The county provides the essentials but our teachers are always looking for ways to engage students and the latest aides to do so. One of the methods that the teachers of KES have embraced is the Buckle Down math program. In the past we've been able to cover the costs but now we are looking for classroom sponsors. The cost is approximately \$200 per class. This year 3rd grade would like to participate along with 4th grade. (Note: after the meeting took place it was noted that the 4th grade classes were sponsored by 4th grade parents to cover the costs for the Buckle Down series.)

Other needs per grade level are:

- Kindergarten would like Scholastic News - \$300 - a newspaper for five year olds.
- 1st grade - Level reading books - \$400 (PTO has also purchased writing journals for every child in Kindergarten and 1st grade.)
- 2nd grade - Mrs. Smith is waiting to hear from the 2nd grade chair on what their needs are this year.
- 3rd grade - Buckle Down Reading books - \$700
- 4th grade - Black Stallion books and the field trip to see the show - \$500
- 5th grade - Brain Pop (?)

Coach Kellerman expressed pleasure that PTO has covered the cost for Jill Strong, the national, world, and junior Olympic jump rope champion, to visit KES on October 22nd.

Sue once again commented on how happy she was that KES has such an active and involved PTO. Thank you, Amy.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The next PTO meeting will be held on October 19th, at 3:15 pm in the Art Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Gauronskas