

MINUTES

Florence Roche PTA General Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2009, 7:30-8:30 pm

In attendance

Carolyn Pisani, Jon Boroshok, Sue Adams, Cynthia Premru, Ruthann Goguen, Debra Diggins, Lisa Chau, Elizabeth Selders, Andrea Walsh, Maripat Brown, Sarah Abrahamsen, Lisa O'Neill, Fran Stanley, Diane Gavel, Brenda Semienko

Call to Order

President Carolyn Pisani called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Budget

Carolyn Pisani reported that the Budget Gina Silva (treasurer) provided is current and has some leftover money for next year. We are working with Mrs. Goguen to come up with the most efficient ways to spend this money.

Boutwell

Brenda Semienko from Boutwell reported that the year is winding down and has been very successful. Next year's enrollment is similar to last. They are in the planning stages for "improving and renewing" the Playground. There is a committee dedicated to planning and funding this. They had a Pedal for the Playground event that raised \$1,700. They also had a yard sale that raised \$800. There was also a private donation that brought the total raised so far to \$4000. The total needed for fencing and equipment is approximately \$40,000.

Minutes Approval

Maripat Brown moved to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Thank you to Lisa Chau for taking the minutes in May!

School Council Update

Ruthann reported that they are working on ways to get more people involved in the Technology Committee. Budget cuts are mandating that the computer lab be used to cover teacher prep time. They are also looking at improving safety in the school. They will be looking for more members in the fall.

Elections for Open Board Positions

Lisa Chau announced that Treasurer and Vice President positions are open for next year. Beth O'Brien was voted in as treasurer. Jon Boroshok presented a passionate plea for the PTA to become a more activist PTA in terms of the town budget. A discussion ensued including comments from most of the attendees. Jon was approved as Vice President.

SPEDPAC Update

Cyndy Premru, SPEDPAC Secretary reported that they just had their annual meeting. Nancy Bugbee will be president. Mary Ann Squeglia is VP and Treasurer, and Cyndy is Secretary. They are in the process of putting their goals together. These goals include raising disability awareness at the schools and in the community. Student workshops are one method of helping children that they are looking into. They are also working to increase awareness of various disabilities. She also announced that their library at the Parent Resource Center at Prescott is growing and an online catalog has been implemented. Lisa O'Neill commended SPEDPAC on their efforts over the past several years.

Enrichment Programs

Lisa O'Neill reported that she will be transferring her duties to the next volunteer since she will no longer be a member of the Florence Roche community. She will be booking two enrichment programs for the fall and will pass on some ideas to her successor. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who is interested, please contact Diane Gavel, Lisa O'Neill, or Carolyn Pisani.

Open Volunteer Positions for 2009-10

Diane Gavel thanked everyone for their help over the past year. They are currently looking for two third grade parents to facilitate the Moving Up Ceremony at the PAC. Please encourage people you know that there are many opportunities for volunteering in the school and there is not necessarily a lot of time required to make a difference in your child's education.

End of Year Event

Carolyn reported that we will not be having an end of the year event since there is so much going on now and there are no volunteers. Sarah Abrahamsen will spend the summer planning a special event in the fall.

Baseball Game

Jon Boroshok reported that the summer baseball games are scheduled and notices have gone out. There have been 230 tickets sold for the Spinners and 65 for the American Defenders. Please contact Jon with questions.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Lisa O'Neill, Gina Silva, and Sue Shepherd who are all moving on to the Middle School next year. Mrs. Goguen also thanked Lisa for her years of service, her thoroughness, and amazing job of coordinating excellent programs for the children.

Meeting Adjourned

President Carolyn Pisani adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.