**PAMS PTA MINUTES**

**October 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Janine Sarach at 5:35.

**In Attendance:** Jen Crow, Kim Wells, Kelly Brenner, Kelly Faulkner, Stormie Henley, Karen Strogylos, Bobbi Vinsand, Gerrold Walker, Lisa Lauderback, Janine Sarach, Audra Burchett, Alex Bergren, Terri Weaver

The September minutes were reviewed, a correction to the spelling of name was noted; a motion was made to approve and it was seconded.

**Administration and Activities Report/Mr. Bergren:**

* Progress Reports will come out next Friday, October 11, 2013. They will only be issued with a C- average or below.
* The time frame for the Kellam move has changed. It will probably be after spring break but the process may start as early as March. He will keep us posted. The “things to do” list is incredibly long. Beginning Feb/Mar, the building will be repainted and “de-Knighted” and replaced with PA Panthers. We will be entirely within the building – no portables. Bus routes will change. There is a transition team in place and they may work on an “FAQ” to be distributed. Mr. Bergren will give us updates as he gets them.
* One Act Play has some events coming up to include a dinner theater. They will perform a couple of times here plus an additional performance at the elementary school. Also getting ready for October Festival.
* Halloween dance at the end of the month, along with Trick or Treat Hallways and crafts.
* United Way donations are coming up.
* Samaritan House canned goods drive is coming up.
* Boys and girls soccer doing well.
* Football team has won one and lost one.

**Treasurer’s Report/Barb Stebbins:**

* The balance in the account is 18651.39, which includes a deposit that Janine made today.
* Reviewed the Income/Expense Report.

**Partners in Education/Jen Crow:**

* There are a couple of Spirit Nights coming up. Chorus is benefitting tonight at Pungo Pizza.
* Wrestling has one coming up at Lucky Oyster.
* Jake’s BBQ is sponsoring an “Art Night” and Mr. Jewell is working with them on this.
* The Sample Sale (and Book Fair Sale) will take place on December 7th from 9:00 until 12:00. Chick-Fil-A will be there selling sandwiches. We will sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts also.

**Membership/Stress Free/Gerrold Walker:**

* We are at 77% of our membership, which leaves about 300 members in order to reach our goal of 100%.
* Gerrold will need help to fill out all of the membership cards. Contact him and he will work on a plan to get these done.

**Correspondence/Janine for Michelle P.:**

* The September and October birthdays were taken care of this morning. They included chocolate from Royal Chocolate.

**Volunteers/Bobbi V.:**

* We went from 470 volunteers to 512.
* We will need volunteers for some of our upcoming activities including the Halloween Dance and selling tickets for Hunt Club. Candy donations have already been pouring in for the Trick or Treat Hallways.
* Mix-It-Up Day is happening on October 29th and we will need seven volunteers during lunch per hour. The volunteers will help to facilitate conversations. They are thinking about having a “Halloween” theme this year to get conversations going. Rachel’s Challenge Club students will also sit at tables and help out.
* The PAMS Pantry has had a huge response. We are planning Thanksgiving baskets – turkey with sides, and working on gift cards. Also would like to be able to come up with a “wish list” for Christmas for our families in need, and will work with Guidance on this.

**Concessions/Kim W.:**

* Waiting to hear back from Salem about doing concessions there.
* November 6th the cheerleaders will be at Landstown and we will do concessions there.

**Book Fair/Stormie:**

* Everything is on track for the Book Fair.

**Rachel’s Challenge/Mrs. Burchett:**

* A big “thank you” to the PTA for all that you do for both the food pantry and all the support for the Rachel’s Challenge Club. There were over 100 kids participating today.

**Facebook/Janine:**

* Janine will put Spirit Night schedule on the facebook page.

**Spirit Wear:**

* Janine is talking with a couple of people about taking over this committee.
* We would like to set up once or twice a month in the cafeteria to sell.

**Hospitality/Janine for Erin:**

* A gift was given for Student Activities Coordinator Day.
* Next week is cafeteria week – we may be giving chocolate.
* National Safe School week is coming up.

**Red Ribbon Week/Stormie for Kristi B.:**

* Kristi is going to email Jen Crow and Janine with additional ideas for Red Ribbon Week, October 28 – Nov 1. In addition to red pencils, twizzlers, and positive messages each day, she was thinking about having a contest to write an essay or write a “rap”, etc. with the winner/s to get a gift certificate.

**Principles of American Citizenship/Janine for Julie**

* The winner for September was Ashley Pleasant.
* The October theme is diligence.

**New Business:**

* Kellam is having a Car Show on Saturday, October 12th. We will sell concessions; need some volunteers from 9:00 to 3:00.
* Received a letter from Sweet Frog inquiring about doing some fund raising with us.
* Teacher holiday lunch is coming up Thursday, December 19th – be thinking about it. We discussed possibly doing an “International Food” theme.
* **Teacher Grants:** We had one request, as follows:

*Mrs. O’Malley asked for $225.00 “Energy in the Ecosystem” unit:  Students learn how the flow of energy is transferred from one organism to the next.  Using prey remains of owls from the NW and SW regions of the US, students identify and compare the raptors’ diets.  Looking to purchase 100 owl pellets for the students to dissect. This would benefit all of 7th grade –* The PTA discussed and determined to grant this request.

* Janine discussed the possibility of needing to change banks, because the school credit union cannot make images of checks (in the event of an audit). She will get more information about this and let us know.

**Unfinished Business:**

* Janine will get more information from Kassi Sandford regarding her grant requesting money for chorus concert outfits. We need to determine how much money she has already raised and what the specifics are.
* We have 61 tickets sold for the Admirals Hockey game.
* If we sell the Holiday Lights tickets, we get $3.00 for each one sold. They give us packs of 100 at a time.
* Mr. Bergren mentioned that the Lend a Hand Committee was meeting and we will need to think about what charity we would support this year. Some of the ideas were the local Wounded Wear, Cerebral Palsy of Virginia, and Fallen Firefighters. He will take these ideas and any others to the committee.

Our next meeting is November 12th, 2013. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.