

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PTA

November 11, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Contact the DTSPTA by emailing us at dtspta@hotmail.com

Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

I) Call to Order 7:08 pm

In attendance: B Benta, M Salerno, R Brenner, T Apostolis, M Knappe, K Eastman, L Rutkowski, K Bokach, L Davis, J Colalillo, K Falk, T Bruhl, J Badore

II) President's Welcome and Remarks

III) Presentations (if scheduled)

IV) Motion to approve October meeting minutes

B Benta moved, K Falk second; Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2

V) Officer's Reports

a) President – Jeannie Colalillo

i) *Candidate's Night: Thanks to Karen & Scott Falk, and Joan Bailly. About 60 people attended.*

b) Vice-president ES – Tom Bruhl

i) *Thanks to John Serrone for the grant. K Falk moved, B Benta seconded, to move \$120 back to MS budget. All in favor; motion passed.*

c) Vice-president MS – Karen Falk

d) Treasurer – Janice Badore

i) *Presented current financials. T Bruhl moved, K Falk seconded, to approve Profit & Loss statement, and Balance Sheet. Yea: 12, Abstain: 1*

ii) *Candidate's Night needs to be approved by members. We used about \$130 in SR cards for refreshments, and donated \$25 to League of Women Voters. We should increase that by \$75 to \$100 total donation. Motion to retroactively approve \$231.47 for this event, and to ratify decision of PTA Exec. Comm. to conduct event. K Falk moved, T Bruhl seconded, passed unanimously.*

e) Secretary – Liza Davis

i) *Report on Book Fair: about \$2000 worth of library materials, about \$2000 worth of classroom materials, plus all the books donated to classrooms by families, and about \$200 leftover in cash.*

VI) Standing Committee Reports

a) Communications Committee (L Davis)

i) *PTA has offered to assist John Serrone determine outdated pages on the school website. Question about the amount of space DTS has for archiving. We don't know at this time. M Knappe volunteered to help with this effort. L Davis will facilitate.*

ii) *PTA will communicate primarily by email, and will continue to reinforce this to families.*

b) Finance Committee (J Badore)

i) *Call for volunteers for final audit. Three accounts still left (Money Market, Avallone, SR hospitality)*

ii) *Grocery card/Giant survey – discussed and clarified intention of this survey: to capture families who shop at Giant anyway.*

iii) *New Spiritwear vendor – sneakersplus.com – the online store will open tomorrow. Can pick up at Sneakers Plus or have items shipped. We will send out paper and electronic reminders. We may have one in the Spring if people like it.*

iv) *BoxTops – shop by starting at BoxTops website. An electronic flyer will be sent out.*

v) *Directory at printer – cost is about \$500.*

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- c) Elementary School Committee (T Bruhl)
 - i) *Banana Slug String band – an environmental musical concert for grades K-2 and 3-5 focusing on watersheds, 3Rs, oceans . . . T Bruhl moved to fund 2 assemblies, subject to Mrs. Ryan’s approval. Requires up to \$1500 from ES budget. K Falk seconded. Discussed sharing costs with another school . Passed unanimously.*
- d) Middle School Committee *no report at this time*
- e) Events Committee
 - i) *Movie Night – discussed the noise/bathroom/hallway situation. Need ground ruled for parents at the next one. Jan-Feb suggested for the next one.*

VII) Board report

- a) *There has been a \$210,000 increase in health benefits costs. The Board is looking at impacts of this, but there may be surplus to offset this increase. Board explored private insurance, but none could match the level of insurance at the cost, or they required more members.*
- b) *QSAC review: we have done fine in our review re: student testing*
- c) *Lice video: big effort in DTS to educate, e.g., use of bags for belongings.*

VIII) DTEA report

- a) *L Rutkowski reported about the water bottles that all students would receive at the environmental assembly*
- b) *Open House – suggestion that a flyer/email be send to families regarding the open house to increase awareness*

IX) Discussion

X) Old Business

XI) New Business

- a) *Peddler’s Village fundraiser idea: Marla Knappe described a program by which shops at Peddler’s Village will donate \$10 back to DTS if you shop during a certain time frame. Marla agreed to look into it further and get info. to the Exec. Comm.*
- b) *Capri Sun fundraiser idea: Capri Sun containers would be collected in cafeteria and we’d get a rebate. Rose Brenner agreed to investigate and coordinate with Peg Hanna.*
- c) *A suggestions was made to consider selling gift cards at other events, and developing vendor partnerships over the coming months.*

XII) Reminders & Upcoming Events

- a) **NEXT MEETING:** Wed., December 9, at 7:00
- b) Return SilverGraphics order forms to school by Mon., Nov. 16.

XIII) Adjourn

Thanks to a generous grant from the Susan and Chelsea Makara Foundation, DTS PTA is pleased to offer complimentary child care services to those who pre-register. Pre-registration requests must be emailed to dtspta@hotmail.com on or before 12 noon, the Friday before the date of the event with names and ages of children. Kindly note we cannot accept children younger than 2-years-old. Pre-registration confirmations will be emailed to those whose requests are received prior to the deadline and for whom places are available -- please bring a copy of your email confirmation to the event.