

8th Grade Committee, General Sub-Committee Meeting, Mar. 9, 2011, 7:05 pm

Present: Barb Lamb, Tammy White, Pat Klopp, Sue Orsic, Randy Stancik, Karen O'Halleran, Lisa Kristy, Dianne Norris, Nancy Cook, Maida Ng, Sherry Kulhanek

Committee Reports:

Class Gift: Randy Stancik handed out a listing of 6 options for a class gift for the committee to vote on so we can present first to the administration and then to the students. The options were: 1) customized welcome mat for gym entrance foyer; 2) School spirit for gym consisting of paw prints with student's names plus larger ones for athletics acknowledgements; 3) Murals within classrooms and 8th grade hallway; 4) Library shelf and books with "Donated by Class of 2011" labels; 5) Track & Field record board for gym; 6) illuminated art display case for main entrance. After discussion, the entire committee voted on their top 3 to present to the administration for further input – the customized welcome mat; school spirit for gym; and illuminated art display case. Barb Lamb will meet with Mrs. Pokorny and discuss our suggestions.

Class Outing: Tammy White and Karen O'Halleran reported we ended up with 94 of 100 attending the outing – 2 were sick and 4 were out of town. There was plenty of food, drinks ran low but it was all handled easily. The kids seemed to have a good time; however about 20% of them were out of control resulting in extended chaperone intervention. The committee did well and came in under budget.

Fortnightly: Nancy Cook and Dianne Norris reported everything is going well. There are only 2 more sessions left, including the parent's night. 7th grade parents are being recruited to serve refreshments after the session. There was a discussion regarding the scholarship students. There are 2 full scholarships and 1 half scholarship to account for. The discussion revolved around who is responsible for this. The monies have all been distributed and this is an accounting issue. Tammy White stated that the PTA should have a budget line for the scholarship fund as had been in the past; however, it appears this is not true. Sue Orsic stated that within our budget, we should have the funds to cover the scholarships.

Dinner Dance: Sherry Kulhanek reported that everything is moving along smoothly. They have a meeting at LT on Friday, the 11th to discuss the structures for the dance entrances. They have the picture frames for the photo booth. The center pieces will have goldfish on them – incentive for teachers to attend as they are a gift for them. Kathy Scarmella is working on the towels pricing. Tom Killoran will do the group photo for \$7 and it will be a take home for that night. They are working with Lisa Kristy to get the photo cd to project during the dance. In light of the events from the outing, Sherry will make sure to have enough chaperones and definitely male chaperones to have placed at strategic areas to prevent similar situations from occurring.

Photography: They are continuing to take picture. Both Kathy Thalji and Maida Ng will be taking pictures at the dinner dance.

Bulletin Board: Kathy Thalji sent in a report they have over 1500 photos. There are 66 out of 100 with baby pictures turned in and the deadline for those is before Spring Break.

DVD: Lisa Kristy reported that Chris White has all the pictures up to date. A discussion about having each student doing a short individual video to be included in the DVD resulted in this idea not being pursued. Although it was a nice idea, the logistics of getting the videos taken and the amount of space they would take up on the DVD made the decision to go all pictures and no video.

Graduation Reception: Kathy Thalji will be doing the invitations and making the cake. A letter to 7th grade parents will be sent out to recruit help for the reception as well as for the new committee will go out in April sometime.

Service: Pat Klopp reported we are primarily finished. There are a couple of more PTA meetings plus various other school and PTA events asking for babysitters. We had 60% of the kids volunteer to help out, which is a decent turn-out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.