

## Federal Street School PTO Minutes

**Date:** November 4, 2009

Time: 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Principal's Report-Fundraisers it's important for kids to understand the principle of raising money for the school. If they go in their neighborhoods it's important to have an adult with them.

Attendance hasn't been too low right now. Supply of hand sanitizers low, always in need of more. Downtown Connection-Miss Abramson's class was able to meet with the mayor and do a mapping tour of downtown. Joan has attended seminars on strategies for schools. All-school goals will be set for all our student to meet.

Motion was made to approve Oct. minutes.

Mrs. Bell wanted to thank the PTO for gift cards given for school supplies.

All school meeting-Nov. 25th at 9 A.M. with Miss Rancourt's class to host.

School Pictures will be Nov. 13th- packet prices in the fine print reduce options but are more reasonable.

Book Fair-made a profit of \$2,323.57. The PTO purchased \$420.00 worth of books to fulfill the teacher's wish lists. The next book fair there will be a cap set for the teacher's next year. The school earned \$1,140.00 in rewards.

Angie's Report-The school is searching for tubelooes which is a tool to help kids with fluency in reading. Non-fiction books have been requested for the library. The library may be moving the Goosebumps collection of books to the Middle School as they are more appropriate for grades 4-7. Kindergarten opted not to have any library time. The other classes have responded to times that will work for them. Library times will be Tues-Thurs so it won't interfere with holidays and meetings. Grant money is available for a possible library helper. There is still a lot of work to be done in the library such as filing and organizing.

We received \$120.00 from BJ's from the membership reward program for the school. The banner that the students decorated is on display at BJ's. Original Works-made a profit of \$1,572.75 and the delivery date will be the first part of Dec. School Pictures will also be available before Christmas.

Hope & Olive is sponsoring a soup & games night on November 2, 2009. There has been a great response from the community with 28 businesses contributing as far away as Hadley. The profit from this was \$280.00 for each elementary school.

Wreath Fundraiser-the sales this year have dropped. This may be due to fewer families at the school this year. Wreath pickup will be Nov. 20th from 3-7 P.M. Profit was \$1,200.00 in sales with Federal St. receiving 50% profit from that. The Early Learning Center Families will be picking up their wreaths at Federal St. as well. The PTO will be ordering two dozen extra wreaths of the smaller sizes for families or staff to purchase.

Treasurer's Report-Explained expenses listed in the report. Gift cards are still needed for some of the teachers from last year to Baker's. Reimbursements requested from different classes: Mrs. Bell's class will need food for her upcoming Thanksgiving Feast. Motion was made & seconded for approval. Miss C.T.- Purchases were made for batteries & memory cards needed for her classes. Motion was made & seconded for approval between \$150.-\$175. given to Miss C.T.'s class. Miss Tripp's class has a Chinchilla for a class pet and a bigger cage is needed. This pet will be used as part of their class curriculum. Motion made & was seconded for approval.

Dye-cutting machine that was purchased for the teachers - still need to learn more on how to use this machine. Possible Mrs. Kimball & Mrs. Harcourt could help with this.

Next PTO meeting will be Wed. Dec. 2nd at 3:15 P.M. Bobby C. is available if we decide to have an end of the year barbecue. The Tanglewood Marionettes may be coming for a performance in Jan. or Feb. Money is still needed for bussing the kids to the Shea Theatre for the upcoming Junie B. Jones performance early next year.

Box Tops raised \$180.00. An order was recently submitted.

Monthly Newsletter-Box Top sheets will be placed on the back of newsletters for incentive for families to collect these for the school. We aren't collecting Campbell's soup labels this year.