

OLD TRAIL SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
November 2, 2006

In Attendance:

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| Sue Adgate | Diana Christoffersen | Tracie L. Rose |
| JoAnn Alexander | Jennifer Cecchini | Michelle Schaeffer |
| Donna Axson | Tammy Gersman | Dianne Squire |
| Kim Bajzer | Teri Hillestad | Nancy Wellener |
| Patty Bodanza | Jennifer Kale | Abby Yarbrough |

Meeting Call to Order:

President-Elect Diana Christoffersen opened the meeting at 8:40 AM in the Library Lecture Room.

Prior Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2006

Pam Burton motioned to approve. Seconded by Jo Ann Alexander

Paperless Initiative

Bonnie Childs spoke briefly about the steps the school is taking to address parent concerns over the "Paperless Initiative." Some highlights are below:

- Recognition that there is dissatisfaction among the parents who are having trouble accessing information.
- Recognition that "Paperless" does not mean "no paper" – the school is working to define when it's appropriate to send paper home and when it should be posted on the website.
- A task force of administrators and parents is being formed to jointly address the issues.
- A survey will be handed out at conferences so the school can follow up with all parents on how successful the paperless initiative has been.
- Any issues or concerns should be directed to Bonnie.
- Middle School Grades should be posted on the Net Classroom today. No hard copies will be sent home.
- Lower School Grades will still be in hard copy format.

Patty Bodanza also handed out a short survey to gather some information about how the paperless initiative is going. However, she recognized that since the school is doing a survey next week at conferences, parents may not wish to fill out too. Our goal is to work with the administration to gather information and improve the system.

Budget Approval

Diana Christoffersen presented the PA budget, providing detail for the line item "Activities Income" which includes activities such as Buffalo Boutique and Cookbook Sales.

Teri Hillestad motioned to approve. Seconded by Diane Squire.
Motion Carried with Unanimous Approval

Auction

- JoAnn Alexander shared auction items that have been donated or purchased with donated funds.
- Please don't wait to donate - no phone calls or email reminders will be sent.
- Donna Axson asked for volunteers for the dates before, during, and after the auction.
 - Set up
 - Accounting
 - Clean Up
 - Selling Raffle Tickets
 - Etc...
- The Catalog is closed
 - Last but not least will still be included.
- Committee has collected slightly more donations than last year.
- Dinner is almost sold out.
- Winner of the Free Ticket was David & Ann Williams (parents of 3rd grade twins Andy & Ben).

Market Day

Michelle Schaeffer thanked the parents for their record-breaking participation in the October Market Day. There were 76 orders and \$4,200 in sales. As a reward for meeting (actually exceeding) our sales goal for October, the school will receive a freezer from Market Day. The freezer will be sold at the auction.

In November, OTS will donate pies to the Good Neighbors Food Bank. Market Day forms are in the Middle School hallway and the Front Lobby of the lower school. If you order on-line, just contact Michelle to let her know that the pie is for Good Neighbors.

A question was asked about a mailing a parent received directly from Market Day about direct ship to her home. Michelle is checking on whether the school still receives credit for these orders.

Speaker Presentation

Greg Bean, Akron Zoo Board Member spoke about the many improvements at the Akron Zoo over the past six years. Greg requested that we support Summit County Issue 20 which will replace the current zoo levy.

Susan Delahanty from the summit County Medical Alliance presented to parents a portion of the "No Bullies - No Victims" workshop that she put on for all the Students and teachers at Old Trail. Many parents expressed an interest in Susan speaking on the first day of school next fall so parents are aware of Old Trail's view of bullying.

Next Meeting

January 4, 2007, 8:30am - Kathi Howard, School Psychologist will present on the topic "Growing Nice Kids: Whose Job Is It?"

Adjournment:

10:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Bodanza, Recording Secretary