

**OLD TRAIL SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
November 3, 2005**

In Attendance:

JoAnn Alexander	Bonnie Childs	Karen Pacholewski	Laura Stockslager
Donna Axson	Gloria Ciresi	Kathy Reed	Joyce Stroup
Carol M. Becker	Tina Gaisie	Rodriguez	Nancy Wellener
Pamela Burton	Sarah Novak	Lynn Saddleton	Carol Woolf

Meeting Call to Order

President Donna Axson opened the meeting at 8:35 AM in the Library Lecture Room with a "Thank You" Tina Gaisie who provided the refreshments for today's meeting.

Speaker Presentation:

Donna Axson introduced today's speaker, Laura Stockslager of the Old Trail School Technology Department. Her topic was Old Trail School's Internet Policy and the Technology Program for grades pre-school to 8.

The talk highlighted the concerns of the school and parents about internet usage for children and the measures that the school is taking to help protect the students from inappropriate use of the internet. Numerous tips were also provided on monitoring of computer use at home. The talk concluded with a review of the specific technology programs in place at Old Trail by grade.

Committee Reports:

Presentation of Prior Meeting Minutes:

October 6, 2005 General Meeting

JoAnn Alexander moved to approve. Seconded by Carol Woolf.

Allocation Presentation:

Joyce Stroup presented an allocation from Mrs. Marilyn Wilson for funding for this year's visit from the Great Lakes Theatre Festival Residency Program in December for the 7th and 8th grade for five days during their Language Arts class. The cost of the allocation is \$1460. This program is held every other year and has traditionally been sponsored by the Parents Association. The program engages and encourages students in creative collaboration with professional actors and with each other as they perform key scenes. This year the program will utilize the drama of *the Diary of Anne Frank, the Glass Menagerie, A Raisin in the Sun and Romeo and Juliet*.

Carol Woolf moved to approve. Seconded by Tina Gaisie.

Motion put to the General Membership present at the meeting and approved.

GA Fundraising

Donna Axson reviewed how the new magazine sales fundraising project for the school works and suggested that parents use it when possible in purchasing new, or renewing old magazine subscriptions for themselves, their businesses, or as gifts.

Profits from this fundraiser will be allocated to a specific project in the school and it was suggested that we might consider using the funds for visiting author visits.

Other Business:

- Reminder that there will be NO child care at upcoming parent/teacher conferences
- Reminder that there will be NO December Parents' Association meetings because of auction set-up
- Reminder that donations for Market Day pies for the Good Neighbor Project are due today
- Note that profits from Market Day are to be used for something for the kitchen
- West Point Market Raffle Tickets are still available and Tina Gaisie encouraged everyone to purchase theirs
- The Parents' Association has taken over this year's Summer Fun Fair and the committee, chaired by Nancy Wellener, is working on inviting other schools in the Akron area to join as co-sponsors. Cleveland Magazine and "Family Matters" radio show are also signed up to be media sponsors for the newly re-named "Akron Area Summer Fun Fair". It is hoped that this participation will increase the foot traffic at the fair and encourage more camps to attend.
- Next Parents' Association meeting will be on Thursday 12th January, 2006 at 8:30am in the Library Lecture Room when Sally Phillips from the Nutrition Department at Akron Children's Hospital will talk on Diet and Nutrition for Children and Teens

New Business

The school has recently changed its policy on accepting credit cards for payment of tuition fees. The question was raised whether or not it was legitimate to change the policy when credit cards were being used to pay for other fees at the school.

Donna Axson will take the question to Delores Quinn, the CFO, for clarification and confirmation.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned, after an interruption for a fire drill at 10:00am

Carol Woolf motioned to approve. Seconded by Karen Pacholewski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Axson, President (in the absence of the Recording Secretary)