South Side PTA Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2009, 6:45 - 8:00 pm  
South Side Library  

Officers Present: John Koontz, Cindy Wachter, Kerry Rossow, Brenda Koenig, Dave Beck, Allie Shepko  

Meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm with welcome and introductions.  

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved as presented.  

Treasurer Report: Total income YTD is $33,485, expenses were $27,730. We still have about $6,000 left but there are some large items still pending. Any outstanding receipts should be submitted to Dave. There are several reimbursement checks written that have not been cashed yet. Dave suggests we hire an accountant to fill out the tax form next year as it took a lot of time and effort.  

Fundraising Report: The spring Plant Sale fundraiser brought in $665 which is less than the $1000 we had hoped for but it was the first year. People from the neighborhood came which is what we wanted to help build community. On the whole, the effort paid off. A lot was learned and it was enjoyable. Thanks to those who helped with the effort. Plans for the 2009-10 year include a Walkathon and pledge drive instead of using Innisbrook. Some concerns were raised about whether these fundraisers could raise $10,000 which is the amount that the Innisbrook and donations brought in in 2008-09 and some families like the Innisbrook fundraiser. At this point, we have a chunk of money in the bank which we can use as a buffer. The plan is to use the Spring Plant Sale, the Walkathon and the direct request for donations (in the model of Heifer International, where donors are informed of how much certain activities cost, though the funds are not tied specifically to those items). The Fundraising Committee will meet over the summer to continue to work on these events.  

Principal Report: Thanks from Mr. Taylor, teachers and staff for all the work PTA has done for the teachers and kids. There will be a golf outing fundraiser, "Birdies for Books" to benefit the Literacy efforts at the school. It is tentatively scheduled for 8/17/09.  
The incentives at the end of the year resulted in fewer tardies and discipline referrals in May. Our attendance goal is 95% and we hit 94.67%. We come in 8th out of the 11 elementary schools. The tardies are up overall from last year. Staffing changes include hires of 2nd grade teacher Jessica Haskett who is coming highly recommended from Stratton and cross-cat teacher Camille Griffin. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Maltbia and 3 aides are not returning.  

Book Club: Was done differently this year based on feedback from students and parents. Jr. Great Books was complicated, expensive, and time-intensive. This year, the books were loaned to the students from Mrs. Bell. Each grade had a different book. It will be done this way again next year. Book Club needs a budget of $50 to cover the costs of books that are not returned. Thanks to Erin Mattson and Mary Kay Gwinup (1), Tina Hope and Sheila Lammers (2), Jubal Croegart (3), Sujata Dey-Koontz (4), Rob Kanter and Karen Carney (5) for leading these groups.  

Teacher Appreciation: Was able to provide gift cards to all teachers and staff to show appreciation. The businesses who donated the cards have logos on display in the building and will be getting Thank you cards.  

Fifth Grade Celebration: requested additional funds. Motion to allocate up to $250 more passed.  

Building Council: looking for solution to speech therapy on the stage. Looking at other options when buses are late so the children who receive breakfast do not have to eat in the hallway.  

PTA President: Executive Committee acknowledges the many volunteers who make things happen at South Side.  

Chess Club: requests display case for trophies. Mrs. Hentges will ask her husband, who is a cabinetmaker, to look
into cost for building one. It can be located by the upstairs water fountain. A motion to consider funding a display case and putting up to $500 toward the case passed. This issue will be discussed further at the first meeting of the 2009-10 school year.

Election: The slate of officers as presented in the April meeting was put forward for a vote. The floor was opened to nominations from the floor. A member was nominated from the floor for the position of President Elect. The slated nominee for that position withdrew from consideration. The member nominated from the floor was found not to be eligible due to term limits. Another member was nominated from the floor to fill the now empty slot. He accepted and his name was placed on the slate. The slate was voted on and approved by the membership. The new officers took on their new roles. Cindy Wachter - President, Mark Atkinson - President Elect, Kim Shinew - VP Education, Liz Maloney and Cheryl Alley - VP Membership, Ellen Beattie - Treasurer, Allie Shepko - Secretary.

New President Cindy Wachter expressed her excitement for the upcoming year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Allie Shepko