

Rousseau PTA Meeting Minutes 2007-2008
April 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Diane Snow, Vice President. *A motion was made by Victoria Miller to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2008, meeting. Motion was seconded by Doug Ayars. The motion passed.*

General Reports (Principal)- Sue Braun announced that her staffing points had been awarded and it looks as if there will be four all-day kindergarten classes next year. The student count should drop by about 135 students for the 2008-2009 school year according to current projections.

Summer library discussion was held. The proposal is for 4 sessions to be held on Wednesdays in June from 9-noon. Carol Hughes would be running the program and would be paid for four hours of prep time in addition to program time for a total of 16 hours and her hourly wage rate. *Doug Ayars moved to approve PTA funding this program with a cap of \$800.00 and Jill Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

3rd grade summer school will be held at Rousseau. Sue also asked that students be involved in staff appreciation week. Diane Snow is working on plans for this.

(Vice President)- Diane Snow thanked Jenny Jex for her terrific decorations for Fun Night and thanked Margaret Deisel for her raffle efforts. Margaret reported the raffle made \$2,440.00.

Barb Solomon and Kim Cook met with the REACH program representative and reported to the group about their meeting. Apparently, a math program through REACH is still a possibility except the curriculum for that is not up and running at this point. Consensus was that this idea would probably not be pursued for Rousseau next year. Victoria mentioned that the inflatables for Fun Night which are part of the Red Apple fundraising package is worth approximately \$2,000.00. The Red Apple gift sales program does provide a lot of free products as an incentive. After a discussion about timing of fundraising, *Doug Ayars motioned to approve Red Apple gifts sales for fall of 2008 and Victoria Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Diane Snow is working on securing popsicles for the end-of-school celebration.

(Treasurer)- Doug Ayars provided expenditure information and reports to the group. Fun Night profits were approximately \$6,829.92 (preliminary figure). Considering the weather, this was very positive. A discussion was held about providing a thank you to the custodial staff who worked on their own time to set up and clean for Fun Night as well as making a donation to the high school groups that provided manpower. *Jill Bird motioned to provide a \$25.00 gift card to each of the custodial staff and to make a post-prom donation to LSE in the amount of \$25.00. Motion was seconded by Victoria Miller. Motion passed.* Diane and Jenny will coordinate this effort.

(Old Business)- Books and Beyond medals have been distributed and the event will once again be coordinated with a Barnes and Noble night and One Book One Rousseau next year. Jill Bird suggested to future board members that Books and Beyond punch cards be dropped for Fun Night as there are enough “prizes” with Books and Beyond already and it added more confusion for Fun Night pre-sales.

Doug Ayars and Amie Callahan presented a very informative power point presentation on the comparison and contrast of benefits of the PTA and PTO groups. One major philosophical difference is the PTA focuses on “affiliation” and the PTO focuses on “independence.” A copy of the power point can be accessed on the PTA page of the Rousseau website. Sue Braun stressed that the discussion held tonight was to be “information only”, and that this was not a action agenda item. Sue Goodman from the Nebraska PTA was on hand to provide information to the group. This discussion item will be moved to the May agenda.

(New Business)- Board elections will be held on May 19th. Interested individuals can submit their names to Deonne Bruning. This can be done now or the night of the election.

Destination Imagination fundraising efforts are underway to help our Rousseau student team and sponsors attend the global championships in Knoxville, TN, next month. There is a relatively short period of time to raise this money. The group will travel to Tennessee via a chartered bus they will share with the Riley Elementary team. The parents decided to pay for their pin money individually. A question was posed by the group to help brainstorm ideas to help with a fund-raising effort annually that would help make DI a more self-sustaining program. One suggestion was yearbooks. *Amie Callahan made a motion to let the KFRX summer card sale profit and coordination go to DI this year. Motion was seconded by Diane Snow. Motion passed.*

Jill Bird mentioned that spirit wear is running low and it was decided that it might be a good idea to have pre-order sales for spirit wear in and fall and once again at semester. This item will be moved to the May agenda as well.

Jill Bird motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Victoria Miller. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2008

Submitted by: Jill Bird, Secretary