

NPTO Notes for Feb. Meeting

Meeting held in Nova conference room 104
Started at 3:50

In attendance were Kate Tetmeyer(chair) Lisa Keljik (secretary) Ken Silver (board liaison) Dawn Ellerd, Jan Beebe, Elizabeth Sonnier, Beth Magistad

K-8 Roller Skating Fund Raiser- Jayne Bried and Pam Kiser are still looking at dates but tentatively the party would be held at Saints North in Maplewood the last two weekends in April. The site fee is \$350. Anything over that would go to the school. We would charge \$5 per skater. Saints North would handle the money. A smaller party was held in the fall with great success.

Scrip. The dev.team mtg. was postponed until Feb.9th. Alice Pazkowski will attend the mtg. to propose scrip for the PTO. Alice , Jodi Gallagher and kate will meet with each other and Nancy(bus. Adm.) to work out final details. In addition, Ken will attend for Beth Magistad to gauge the Dev. Teams feelings about what they would like out of the silent auction.

Rummage sale: no further parents have come forward to Dawn, so this idea is tabled until further notice. If we get more people interested we might combine this sale with the August uniform sale and use the school as a staging area, which is not possible when school is in session.

Silent Auction- auction chair Beth Magistad reported that she has heard from people willing to help but not to have their names printed as yet, she is not worried about getting help planning. She and the mtg. members discussed various site options- town & country, the Summit club, other reception rentals along Summit Ave. We also discussed ticket price and whether to have two prices, with and without alcohol. Elizabeth suggested finding the site first, as there are differing rules on serving alcohol. We all agreed it should be an Adult only event, with a sit down dinner or a casual hor d'ouerves option. The ticket price may discourage some families, but it is a fundraiser and should be treated as such, esp. as there is the carnival and other low cost social events. Beth needs to know what Nova might like their share of the money for so she can work up a theme. Ken said he would attend the Dev.Team mtg for her to ask them their thoughts. Kate reminded Beth that the NPTO needs at least \$7500 of the proceeds to cover NPTO activities for a two year period. (Assuming the auction remains on a two year basis). Beth would like to set a date, a place and a theme before school years end. Early November was discussed as the best time to capture holiday dollars and avoid Thanksgiving.

Parent Ed nights: the school has rescinded their request for money to cover a Youth Frontiers program as it turned out to be too polarizing in the Nova community. The PTO would not like to invite someone to speak and have the evening turned into a parent debate. Other topics were suggested-Singapore math, out side speakers, but Kate has not has enough interest expressed to feel that these will be well attended.

Adult Function: “Trivium of Taste” set for March 1st at the Klas Center at Hamline.This is a social event, not a fundraiser. Ticket price would cover costs only. Julie Christensen and Carrie Lindgren did not get back to Kate by mtg. time so she has no update to give but will try to get one soon. There was an e-mail asking for 4 volunteers the night of the event.

Spring Carnival: International theme, May 16th. We might solicit area ethnic restaurants to see if they might donate platters in return for advertising and serve something easy like corn dogs or hotdogs as the main meal. Discussed possibly charging, but felt that would not happen this year, or maybe not at all. However, as the school grows so do the costs of this event. Eventually, there may have to be a small fee to cover expenses. No one attended previous mtg. (possibly due to poor notice). Kate will schedule another.

Teacher Appreciation- Dawn E. is chair. She has conferred with past chairs and is trying to line up some of the same volunteers and activities from previous years such as chair massages and covered lunches for the teachers. She will also check to see if Whole foods or other similar will donate food. Kate and Lisa are available to help.

Spring Conference meals- these are coming up fast and no one has come forward so Lisa offered to chair this and will meet with Kate and Jane Marie and Dawn to plan this.

Meeting ended at4:45