

FRANKLIN PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

11/8/2006

Executive Committee members present: Co-Chairs, Elizabeth Roll and Kim Freedman; Vice President, Eleanor Boschert; Treasurer, Terri Romanelli; Secretary, Walter Devine

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Elizabeth Roll, welcoming remarks and introductions by Elizabeth.

Introduction of Newton Schools Foundation Board members, Alison McCarty, and Executive Director Chryse Gibson.

New business:

Social action committee needs a Chair, and we'd like to have that person get the kids involved, no volunteers came forward.

Multicultural committee needs a co-chair, this is a great day but has gotten to be quite a lot for one person to handle, again no volunteers from those in attendance, some potential names did surface though, and follow up with those folks will take place.

Health and Safety – Representative must be at all events, not much to do, but the statute requires one be present at all events.

Megan McNulty relayed thanks from all for all the work accomplished on school appreciation day, turnout was great, and lots of needed things were done, both inside and outside the building

Budget discussion:

Actual profit from gift wrap this year was \$8200.00

PTO Dues are at \$4120.00, which is at goal, and hopefully folks who have not chipped in yet will do so and this number will go up.

Photo day netted more than 600.00

Expenses were reviewed line for line.

A question was raised about Kindergarten Soccer, revenue numbers, the Board will check with Deb Rooney and report back at the next general meeting.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS and VOTING took place.

Joanne Caruso and Walter Devine were both nominated and seconded, and both unanimously voted in by voice vote.

Social action committee reported that the coat drive has been extended one week due to the unseasonable warm weather and in the spring we normally do a walk for hunger and food drive, even if you can't chair the whole committee you can run one of these types of events.

The first of the mini-grant applications have been received, Eileen Keene's grant for the K/1 music program is a finalist for consideration.

Also books in support of curriculum were discussed and will have further info in the connection and the bulletin board.

Introduction of the Newton Schools Foundation was made and a presentation was made by Franklin Parent and Foundation board member Alison McCarty and new Exec. Dir. Chryse Gibson was made. Their website was emphasized, mission statement, goals, procedures, and scope were all discussed with questions fielded on many topics.

Closing remarks, - volunteers are needed for the Book Fair on Dec. 4th – 7th

Meeting was adjourned-----