

Shenendehowa Council of PTA

General Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2009

Acadia Library

7pm

Call to Order

Ron Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

In attendance: Executive committee – Ron Jacobs, MaryAnne Cureau, Karen Domski, Ann Loudon & Jackie Marshall. Committee chairs – Cheryl Hildenbrandt & Jodi Bailey. School District Rep –Dr. Robinson, Mary Blaauboer. Unit Reps – Judy Mayfield, Rob Williams, Jean Wisniewski, Wendy Reynolds, Pam Kelly, John Belkevich, Laura Haley, Tammy Simmons, Maureen DiMaria, Brenda Stockman, Nancy Robak, Sally Vanderzee, Gina Scotto diCarlo, Julie Plumadore, Maryann Lazarus(for Judy Mayfield), & Shielene Guyatte.

Odyssey of the Mind presentation

Mindy Iannotti of BOCES spoke about the Odyssey of the Mind program. This is a problem solving program for children K-College. Schools put together teams of 5-7 students per team. The regional competition will be held at Shen on March 6, 2010. Units please encourage participation in your schools, especially at the elementary level. Dr. Robinson will have Kathy Wetmore send out info on how the costs work.

District Report

Dr. Robinson asked that we encourage people to get out and vote on budget day. The pool grand opening will be June 6 from 10-12pm. 3rd, 6th, 7th & 8th grades will be using the pool for swim classes during gym for the 2009-2010 school year. Each building will have some sort of construction going on this summer. The Bell tower will be placed in front of East High School.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 9, 2009 were distributed. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Jackie Marshall reported that expenses are on track. If you have any outstanding bills please submit them.

Board of Education Report

Mary Blaauboer reported that there have been various student volunteer projects throughout the district. SAGE Science Discovery night was attended by over 1,000 people, the HS transition Team hosted a Trade Show Expo and the Saratoga County D.A. spoke to parents and students about “sexting”. The track project is underway; sidewalks should be complete by fall. The budget vote is May 19 and includes a referendum for bus replacement; June 5 is the relay for life. The 2009-2010 school calendar is now posted on the website. The MS auditorium and green gym will each have renovations as well.

1st Vice President’s Report

Tesago President Julie Plumadore reported that they held Jr. 1st Lego League Challenge this year. The kids really enjoyed it. The program runs from Nov-April and kits costs \$150 each. E-mail Julie for more information.

Maureen DiMaria asked if the units could please coordinate meeting dates and fundraisers. It was discussed that Elementary would hold meetings the 3rd or 4th week of the month, Middle school the 2nd week, High School the first week and Council will be the 1st or 2nd Monday.

2nd Vice President’s Report

Arts N Ed – Running well, the budget will remain the same as last year. Tracy Acker will be the new chairperson. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Founder’s Day – 276 people attended and enjoyed by all. The year end report will be given to Karen Dowski.

Preschool – Programs for next year have been scheduled.

Legislative – Lisa Mendel will possibly be the new chairperson.

Scholarship – Recipients will be announced at Senior night. This committee needs a chairperson.

Transportation Breakfast – The breakfast will be on 5-15-09.

Shen Inventors – Waiting for bills to arrive.

Honorary Life – The Honorary life members from Council were Lorraine Longhurst, Gary Kraus, Gina Peca and Evelyn Hickok.

President's report

Insurance forms are due June 1 to State. Officers contact form due June 15(Form A).
Outstanding Youth Award nominations are due June 30. The Officers training will be May 26th.
The Regional PTA conference will be 5-14-09, sign up online – pay at the door – High School
West – 5:30-6:30 is registration, cost is \$10 per person. Possibly run a concession stand as a
fundraiser during Odyssey of the Mind.

Thanks to the Officers, Committee chairs, Presidents and Delegates.

New Business

Election of officers – The slate for 2009-2010 PTA Council is as follows:

President – Gina Scotto diCarlo

1st Vice – Cheryl Hildenbrandt

2nd Vice – Jodi Bailey

Treasurer – Shielene Guyette

Secretary – Pam Kelly

Nancy Robak made the motion to accept the slate as presented, 2nd by Ann Loudon, all were in
favor. Slate approved.

Announcements

Budget vote Tuesday, May 19 – Gowana

Shen PTA Unit Officers Orientation – May 26th 6:30pm – Acadia Cafeteria

Meeting adjourned 8:29pm.