

Ponaganset Middle School  
Parent Teacher Organization

Minutes for the 2/4/08 Meeting

**Call to Order: 6:38 PM**

**Attendance:** Carol Mauro, Maureen Brown, Jamie Grissom, Tod Dionne, Melissa Pierce, Cheryl Doar, Linda Iannazzi, Brad Leach

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes from 1/7/07 meeting were approved without revisions.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance - \$1205.10

\$675 - school for the walkie talkies

\$10 - PTO conference fee for Jamie

\$75.09 - purchase of safety vests for chaperones for the dances

\$81.34 – dance expenses

**Old Business**

- 1. Nut Fundraiser** – Orders are coming in but slower than last year. Order will be placed with Virginia Spanish Peanut Co on Friday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> with expected delivery on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be packing nuts at the PTO meeting that night and Tues. day/evening. Nuts should be ready for pickup on Wed and Thurs, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Pickup times are 2:15-4:15 pm and 6-8pm. We need volunteers for packing and pickup monitoring from Room 150. Jamie will make signs for the room to identify it as a “NUT ROOM” to alert those with allergies. It was suggested that posters be made to promote future fundraisers and hung in high traffic areas of the school to remind students.
- 2. Chelo's Fundraiser** – We have received \$100.17 from this fundraiser. A suggestion was made to possibly have another fundraiser at another restaurant in the spring. It is an easy fundraiser with little time and effort.
- 3. Dance Committee meeting** – TBA. The PTO sponsored dance is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee will work on a new theme. Chaperones are still needed for the February 8<sup>th</sup> dance.
- 4. Let's Party event** – February Vacation – Flyers are ready for distribution for the Feb 20<sup>th</sup> event from 4-7pm. Waiver forms are on the back of the flyers and must be signed. PTO makes \$2 on each \$10 admission. Let's Party supplies most of the chaperones. Jamie is looking for some volunteers to help at the desk. Posters should be put up in the school to promote this event. ?Donna Laramie (aka: school snoop) to follow up?

## **New Business**

1. **PTO Website** – all flyers and information should be sent to Steve Porter for website updates.
2. **Orchard Project** – The school has grant and donation money to start an orchard. Half the funds came from the Children's Garden Network and was matched by Dr. Day Care from the Gloucester Business Association. Barden Orchard is donating 35 disease resistant apple trees to be planted in front of the school. There are also plans to develop an outside classroom in that area once the orchard is established. Mrs. Girard has contacts to help with the irrigation and hole digging. Volunteers will be needed the day of planting which is tentatively scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of April 6<sup>th</sup>. A committee meeting is scheduled for next week to plan the planting day event.
3. **Upcoming Events**
  - Let's Party – February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - PTO Dance – March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Health Fair – May 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm ( Jamie will check with Jan Ragno about PTO selling the extra nuts at the fair)
  - ?Talent Show this year
4. **Correspondence**
  - Two letters were sent out for tax deduction donations to PTO
  - Thank You note was received from Mary Morse for the dance chaperones

## **Discussion** – open forum

PTO will post sign up sheets by the teacher mailboxes inviting teachers to come to PTO meetings and assist as Dance Chaperones.

Building Use Policy is still being developed in committee.

**Adjournment:** 7:32pm

**Next meeting:** Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Room 150  
Working meeting to pack nuts.