

Cook PTO Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2011

Called to Order at: 6:00pm

New Business

Introductions of the 2011-2012 Executive Board

Vote for new secretary of the PTO took place; Sonji Davis became the secretary for the 2011-2012 school year.

Open House is Sept. 8, 2011. Kindergarten-2nd grade at 5:30pm and 3rd -5th at 7:00pm

Market Day pick-up Sept. 29

Picture Day: Oct. 17

Fall Fundraiser: Oct. 11

Fall Fest: Oct. 13 @ 5:30

Old Business:

Spelling Bee registration is \$175.00

Career Day is Nov. 3 ask Kindergarten classes for volunteers to speak.

Secretaries Report:

Send notes and minutes to Nan Heim and Mr. Firer for approval and uploading to the Cooke website.

Coupon books (\$5.00) are available from Mr. Frier for Voncom stores. Starting now through Nov. 12.

Treasurers Report:

Working budget was created over the summer.

Funds should be itemized by the next meeting. A program can be used to help itemize the funds and can be purchased by the PTO.

PTO will not fund field trips, but will send out funds for teachers. \$150.00 for specialist and \$250.00 for teachers.

Nan- Gifts and Kinds and Borders- \$200.00 refund and \$93.60 credit. \$186.40

partnership with Home Depot on Belvedere approved.

Presidents Report:

Used this summer to set up schedules. Also planning one fundraiser/month. This month's fundraiser is Culvers and October's fundraiser is Chilli's in Gurnee and Waukegan.

Spirit Wear shipment due September 16. Will have some items available during Open House.

BooHoo Yahoo event went well.

Start of Cooke Closet for gently used clothes. Bring in clothes if you can. Students can wear spirit wear any day of the week. Jeans on Friday, but must wear a spirit shirt.

Field Days this year, 5th grade students will participate in contest for a t-shirt design. Waukegan H.S. to print t-shirts. The winner of the contest will receive a free shirt.

1st V.P.

Box Tops- The goal is to raise funds and its FREE, bagging will go out in September. Monthly winner will begin in October. Community support is needed to send in box tops.

Volunteers needed for Labels for Education (LFE)- count, sort and redeem.

LFE and Coke Rewards- donate points and Sprite Rewards codes and we will be entered into a drawing for 25,000 points. LFE- we will earn up 1,00 bonus points if we collect and redeem 1,000 labels by December.

Current Numbers: Coke Rewards: 8,586, LFE: 20,380, Box Tops- \$310.00

CookePTO@yahoo.com created for sign up and PTO updates.

2nd V.P.

Book Fair

Set up is Oct. 7th and the book fair will take place Oct. 11-14. Fall Fest will be Oct. 13. Morning and afternoon slots available for volunteers, times will be announced.

Fundraiser:

September will be dining at Culvers on September 21.. October will be Chill's in Gurnee and Waukegan locations on Mondays and Wednesdays. Box tops, LFE, E-Box Tops, Coke Rewards are also sources of fundraisers.

September 9th Kick –Off of Mr. Z's Fall Fundraiser Delivery.

Market Day-

Market day will have samples. Currently 8 customers for MD with a total of \$96.00 in orders. Customers can use LINK cards to place orders as well.

In need of a Market Day volunteer.

Membership:

Currently over 150 members. 134 families joined during the meet and greet.

U.S. Cellular Contest explained. It takes place from September 9- October 6. This fundraiser was voted for and approved by the PTO. Phone calls and flyers will be made to inform Cooke families. This information is also being presented at Open House.

Newsletter:

Mark Easa volunteered to oversee Kaleidoscope Newsletter.

Scouts:

Jack Herman- Scout Leader Troop 609

Representing Cub Scouts. They are looking to increase membership. On Sept. 13, 2011

@9am the Cub Scouts will make classroom presentations to speak about the program and how to get involved.

K-2 & 3-5

They appreciate everything that the PTO is doing and the mentioned that the children are settling in nicely.

Specialist:

Thanks for everything the PTO is doing for the school and students.

Artist in Residence: Target Grant \$2,000.00. Will contact Sharon to be involved with Artist in Residence.

Principals Report:

3rd Annual Family Work Day, September 24. Activities to include are painting in the baseball field, parking strips and garden. Please bring kids, food and water will be provided.

Join Mula Mu, information will be forthcoming.

Cooke has the BEST PTO in town! With the only active PTO.

Cooke did not meet AYP in Reading 78%- 82% without counting Special education, however 90% AYP in Math. 1st graders will be tested this year. 5th grade MAP scores were greater than all 8th grade students in the district.

Computers for signing up with the PTO will be given out once the computers have been scanned out. 50% have been done, parents will be contacted once this process has been completed.