

Great Meadows Middle School PATHS

Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2012

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- A. The meeting of GMMS PATHS was called to order by Dot Reilly at 7:01 pm on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.
- B. The following officers were present:
 - i. Dot Reilly, President
 - ii. Jennifer Cassini, Vice President
 - iii. Kate Tibak, Secretary
 - iv. Lori Donnelly, Treasurer
- C. Faculty member, Mr. Marmolejos, was also in attendance.

II. New Business

- A. Back-to-School Night
 - i. PATHS will have two tables setup in the lobby with committee sign-up sheets.
 - ii. Committees include:
 - a. Baking
 - b. Chaperones
 - c. Teachers' Appreciation Week (volunteers will concentrate on a particular day)
 - d. Honor Roll Breakfast
 - e. Market Day
 - f. Boxtops and Campbells Soup Label collecting
- B. Honor Roll Breakfast is now chaired by Ved Fernandez.
- C. Market Day
 - i. Ordering needs to be increased. Order forms should be sent home to increase ordering from parents.
 - ii. Elementary parents may be unaware of what Market Day is. Dot is hoping to spread the word because it is such a great fundraiser.
 - iii. Mr. Marm suggested having samples out for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 - iv. Boxtops and Campbells Labels: Harriet Kerwin may need help with collecting and clipping so we are looking for volunteers.
- D. Web Updates
 - i. Dot stated that PATHS will now be using the GMMSPATHS@gmail.com email address.
 - ii. She will work with Mr. Hann to get the PATHS portion of the GMMS website up to date.
- E. Get Togethers
 - i. There are four Get Togethers scheduled: 9/28, 11/30, 3/22 and 4/26.
 - ii. The April event will include 5th grade along with the 6th through 8th grades.
 - iii. Kenny Lunden has been booked for all dates.
 - iv. Dot will be seeking extra chaperones and refreshment items for the first Get Together since this is often a well-attended event.
 - v. The cost will be \$3 for pre-pay and \$4 at the door.
- F. Game Night, Friday, October 19th
 - i. Jennifer Cassini inquired if it could be a Halloween theme since it is close to Halloween. Mr. Marmolejos said he would check the budget.
 - ii. The cost will be \$3 for pre-pay and \$4 at the door.
- G. Student Directory
 - i. Harriet Kerwin has this well under progress.
 - ii. Copies will be made at the school.
 - iii. The submitted drawings are posted in the Teachers' Lounge for teachers to vote on. The contest ends Friday.
- H. Veterans' Day Breakfast, Wednesday, November 7th
 - i. Dot will be coordinating the breakfast as she has in the past. She will be looking for refreshment donations in addition to breakfast items that she purchases.

- ii. The NJ Tax Office provides GMMS with a list of veterans in our district. Chief Reilly is a key part in the planning. The number of attendees varies and they are invited with a guest.
- iii. Lori Donnelly has a bag of red, white and blue beads that she will be donating and working with the Girl Scouts to put together a pin for the veterans to wear that morning.

III. Financial Discussion

- A. Teachers' Lounge Water Cooler
 - i. It was agreed to purchase a water cooler for the teachers to use. They are currently using individual water bottles which are more expensive and wasteful.
 - ii. Kate will purchase the water cooler either from Sam's or BJ's depending on price. The unit should have both a hot and cold water tap.
 - iii. PATHS will provide water jugs to start and then Mr. Marm will continue through the end of the year.
- B. Mr. Marmolejos' Request
 - i. Mr. Marm has requested that PATHS purchase a new white board system, as we did last year, or a jaguar statue to be displayed for everyone to see.
 - ii. Mr. Marm will research the cost of a statue (perhaps a wood carving).
 - iii. The cost of last year's white board and all of its components was \$1900 which would be about the same for this year.
- C. Treasurer's Report/First Hope Bank
 - i. The PATHS' First Hope Bank account has been updated so that Dot Reilly and Lori Donnelly are the signatories on the account.
 - ii. Lori has approximately \$1,000 in PATHS donations from Back-to-School packets.
 - iii. Our checkbook has a balance of \$5,377.59 and the statement has a balance of \$5,317.79.
 - iv. Lori will make the deposit bringing us to over \$6,300.
 - v. The 2012-13 expense budget is \$5,530 which includes the following figures:
 - a. BTS Plant Raffle: \$20
 - b. DJ Lunden Fog: \$225/Get Together (\$900 total)
 - c. Veterans' Day Breakfast: \$300 (depending on refreshment donations)
 - d. Knight for 6th Grade: \$400
 - e. Titanic Speaker: \$300
 - f. Teacher Appreciation Week: \$100 (depending on refreshment donations)
 - g. Lip Sync/Talent Show: \$270/teacher (\$540 total)
 - h. PATHS Scholarships: two \$250 scholarships (\$500 total)
 - i. NJ ASK: \$150 (depending on donations)
 - j. Copy Paper: \$120
 - k. Miscellaneous products for food (cups, napkins, plates, etc.): \$100
 - l. Water cooler and water for Teachers' Lounge: \$200
 - m. Jaguar statue or White Board system: up to \$1900

IV. Meeting was adjourned by Dot Reilly at 8:12pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Kate Tibak

cc: Mr. Marmolejos
Dot Reilly
Jennifer Cassini
Lori Donnelly
Teachers' Lounge