

Clifford School Parent Teacher Organization
General Meeting
Thursday, January 10th, 2013

- I. Meeting called to order by Christina Sullivan at 7:12 PM.
- II. Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet. Seventeen people were in attendance.
- III. New Year's Resolution Message: Christina Sullivan discussed her New Year's Resolution, she will be making a conscious effort to always be a positive influence while on campus and that everything she does should be "all about the kids". Christina hopes that we will all keep that in mind, as well.
- IV. Hospitality: Amy Stanbery provided a spaghetti dinner for all attendees.
- V. Principal's Message: Jammie Behrendt announced that the lock down drill scheduled for January 11th, is a regularly scheduled drill and not a reaction to any recent events. The sheriff's office will be involved in the drill to provide feedback and she has asked them to stop by periodically to be a presence around the school. A "see-it, say-it" campaign is being promoted. Volunteers need to remember to sign-in and wear a volunteer badge. Also, she wanted to remind parents that there is no school supervision prior to 8:00AM and after 2:45PM. The library will be open at 7:45AM since sometimes parents need to drop off children prior to 8:00AM. "Welcome Back".
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Heather Maire reviewed the P&L Report. A) To date, the Read-a-thon fundraiser has income of \$7,812 (approx. \$2,200 under budget). The proceeds are lower than last year, but the event was held at a busy time of year with several other fundraisers, school events, and holidays competing for time and resources. B) The Direct Campaign is currently under budget (\$38,516 actual versus \$50,000 budget). C) The school play line will recoup their expenses as tickets are sold for the performances. D) In November, the Middle School Coordinator, Valerie Bioc

- requested \$114.30 for middle school event expenses. The request was reviewed at the Executive Board Meeting. Christina Sullivan suggested that we approve the request of \$114.30 for Middle School event expenses and that we make the amount \$200. The Executive Board approved the request unanimously. A vote to approve the request at the General Meeting was needed. Niki Kolokithas motioned to approve the request, Eva Watte seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- VII. Secretary's Report: Heather Maire noted that the 3-in-1 fundraising numbers, reported in the November minutes, were incorrect and that she would provide updated numbers. Kimberly Calderaro motioned to approve the November minutes and that an amendment would be add with the correct 3-in1 fundraising totals. The motion was seconded by Katherine Schembri and was approved unanimously.
- VIII. Fundraising Report: A) Read-A-Thon Recap B) Elaina and Bunnie reported that a volunteer is need to run the Fundraiser for 5th Grade Outdoor Ed (Week of April 15th). The cost of the program is \$250/student. Last year the PTO provided \$2,000 in scholarships. B) The 70's Groove and Auction needs to be rescheduled (originally scheduled for March 16). There was discussion as to whether the event should be an auction or party.
- IX. Volunteer Report: Pamela Martin needs some additional volunteers: a second PTO auditor will be needed in March, the traffic group would like at least 4 more volunteers (2 for the morning, 2 for the afternoon), and a coordinator for the Recycling/Beautification program.
- X. Communications Report: A) Aoife needs writers and would like people to send photos that they have taken during school activities to the PTO website. Finally, more translators are needed. B) Only 12 more Clifford magnets need to be sold in order to break-even (magnet are \$5 each and are available at the PTO meetings). C) Directories are currently being sold outside the PTO office and in the school office for \$4 each.

- XI. Events Report: A) Carol Donnelly reported that the 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange was a success, Amy Stanbery hosted another fun and festive holiday event. B) The Willy Wonka Jr. school play is to be performed Feb 22nd–24th, get your tickets from either a student who is in the play or in the school office. General admission tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance. A parent meeting will be held Jan 31st. C) The Multi-Cultural Festival will need to be cancelled unless someone steps up by the end of January to coordinate the festival.
- XII. Frog Pond Update: A meeting was held in Decemeber; invasive plants have been removed from the area, there are volunteers for the labor, but materials are still needed (cost of which is yet to be determined). The project needs to be completed by the end of February. Rick Thall (a landscape designer) is working on a list of materials that will be required. Niki Kolokithas asked for a list of materials so she could talk to contractors who might have some of the supplies that are needed.
- XIII. Enrichment Report– Our current After-School Enrichment Coordinator, Lisa Adasiewicz, will be leaving the position, so we need to be looking for her replacement. If you are interested in the position, please talk to Pamela Martin.
- XIV. Middle School Liaison Report: A) The Middle Dance is scheduled for January 25th at Roy Cloud and the Valentine Party will be held on February 14th during Middle School lunch. There will be no BBQ this year. B) The 8th Graduation is being planned and parents of 6th and 7th grader will be needed to help with the event.
- XV. The next Clifford PTO meeting will be on February 7th, at 7:00 PM.
- XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM.