

MINUTES OF THE IACA APRIL 12, 2010 MEETING

Attendees: Janet Morris, Karin Bourque, Rose Lerer, Lisa Reed, Gwen Sandilands, Carol Gallagher, Casey Crane (visitor)

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. JM made a motion to accept the minutes and LR seconded.

Treasurer's Report: GS presented the Revenue and Expense Activity Report. JM made a motion to approve this report and LR seconded the motion....GS noted that she has received confirmation from the IRS that we do not owe them any money.

Old Business:

The **Chunky's fundraiser** was very successful. We bought the tickets for \$3.50 and sold them for \$6. We sold 205 tickets and made a profit of \$512.50.

Alpha Tae Kwon Do: Andy Rollinson (parent) was at the last IACA meeting, representing Alpha Tae Kwon Do. We advertised their program for them and they offered to give \$50 to IACA for every student that registered. RL offered to follow through with the Rollinsons to see if any students signed up.

Star Party: Lot of fun. We made \$43.80 in food. About 70 people attended.

Staff Appreciation Dance: was well attended and fun. Janet spent \$270 for food. We had authorized \$200 at an earlier meeting. LR made a motion and CG seconded it to reimburse Janet for any expenses for this event over \$200.

Book Fair by Bookends: went well. We sold \$3003 for a profit of \$375.42. We took \$280 in cash and \$166.65 in books.

New Business:

Chik-fil-A: Casey Crane, marketing representative for Chik-fil-A, brought many delicious food samples and explained their fundraising program. She noted that their company uses real chicken and they have a fruit dish so the food is healthy. They can sell us their sandwiches, etc. at a discount and we can sell them at school events. They are in a container with a warming tray and will stay good (quality-wise) for 1 ½ hours.... For an order of \$25 or more, we can pick up the food and sell it here ourselves. The sandwiches sell for \$3.50 at the store. For a large group (like a high school in Nashua), they can sell them for \$2.50 to the school. Our volumes would be lower so they would have to charge us \$2.75 or \$3.00. Typically, what groups do is sell a sandwich with a soda (purchased low cost at Costco) for \$5.... LR asked if we could get the sandwiches for \$2.75 so that we would have a 75 cent profit. Otherwise, she felt that it wasn't worthwhile... People liked the idea of having these sandwiches for Quality Night, Art Show, Dances, and other events where people might have rushed up to the event without having had a chance to eat dinner.....We agreed to try selling some chicken sandwiches for the April 30 dance and the Middle School art show in June. Casey recommended

getting 30 sandwiches for a dance with 100 kids to avoid leftovers....If the Chik-fil-A people come and sell the food at our event, we get 15-20% of the proceeds. We would not own any unsold sandwiches....We could also have a Spirit Night. We would choose a specific night (during the week) and they would give us 15% of the proceeds. They could send their cow mascot to the school to promote it. Dates for Spirit Night fill up fast...They can also have a Sell Chik fil A for a day at the school. It is a box meal...Starting April 27, the Nashua location has a promotion where you can buy an adults meal and get a kids meal free....On May 4, Chik fil A is dropping off free chicken sandwiches for the teachers in Tyngsboro schools and would be happy to drop off some for our teachers as well. Janet agreed to check with the principals about this issue/day.

Talent Show: This event, run by the school staff, is scheduled for Friday May 7. We will sell food. The plans were for hotdogs and popcorn.

Gift Cards: This program is ongoing. Cards can be ordered up to May 19 to receive the cards by June 4.

Box Tops Fundraiser: This program is ongoing. We'll end the season on Memorial Day. World Series Champion and League Champion will be named at the end of the contest.

Kathleen Seward: The issue was raised as to whether we want to have a party for Kathleen Seward since she is leaving and has had a lot of interaction with the IACA.

How to Use Funds: GS mentioned that the IACA has almost \$14,000 in the bank. The money budgeted for enrichment is not being used by the teachers. We discussed how we could use this money to benefit the school community. Some of the ideas suggested were: athletics (just intramural or all?), the Spanish play, music, after school clubs. JM will investigate the issue of whether teachers who lead after-school clubs receive a stipend. We also discussed using the money to buy food warming equipment, water coolers, and a popcorn machine.

Middle School Dances: 7/8 dance was scheduled for April 30. Some of the students wanted to have a theme of "masquerade ball" for this dance. We agreed to publicize the dance this way.

Communication: KB will speak to Tina about details on the calendar. For example, people had questions about when report cards are being sent home.

Scholastic Book Fair: KB will coordinate this fair on June 1-7. JM, LR, and CG agreed to help.

June 8 Half Day: We discussed whether to have an event on this day. People did not want to do another roller skating day. One idea was to have lunch and a movie in the auditorium. It was suggested that we could replay student-made movies and a tape of the talent show.

Basket Raffle: AP and GF are coordinating this. Notices will go out to parents soon.

Key dates are:

May 17: Last day to contribute items for baskets.

May 17: IACA members assemble baskets. 6-9 PM. Come when you are available.

May 21-22: Display baskets and sell raffle tickets at performances of The Princess Bride.

June 1-4: Display baskets and sell raffle tickets at book fair.

June 4: Display baskets and sell raffle tickets at the middle school art show. Draw the winners that evening.

Other Key Dates for the School:

Fri. June 11: Grade 8 Semi-formal (no IACA involvement)

Tues. June 15: Grade 8 End of Year Assembly and Breakfast with Parents/Guardians.
8:30-9:30AM. (no IACA involvement)

Tues. June 15: HS Exhibition Night 6-8PM

May 11 and June 14: Last IACA meetings for the year.

June 16: Last day of school and BBQ. Kerry Wellenstein is the coordinator for the BBQ.

Elections: We will have elections for next year's board at the May meeting. The notice will be posted in the newsletter for 2 weeks in advance.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.