

Central School PTA
General Meeting
March 12, 2008
7:30 p.m., Central School Library

President Kristin Makely called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was also made to approve the minutes from the General Meeting on February 13, 2008. The motion was seconded and carried.

Report of Steve Weinstein, President, Board of Education*

President Weinstein reported on the budget, including the history, cost-saving measures, attempts to raise additional revenue, actions being taken to inform people about the budget, and the importance of voting. President Weinstein and Dr. Cheryl Laney answered questions about the budget.

President's Report

President Makely reported the following:

1. There are upcoming events to inform people about the school board and budget including the Haddonfield Board of Education Forum on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haddonfield Middle School auditorium; the Haddonfield School Budget Review Session on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School; and a public hearing on the budget on March 19 at the high school.
2. A flyer went home in the backpacks encouraging people to sign up to receive e-mails.
3. McHat Day will be on April 1. Participants may wear outrageous hats to school and donate \$1 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pam DiPadova reviewed the Budget Report. She reported various sources of cash in including profits from the book fair, gift wrap Internet sales, after-school enrichment, and a special in-home shopping event; and sources of cash out including expenditures for class trips, enrichment and administrative expenses.

Election of Officers

The following nominees were elected as officers to the 2008-2009 PTA Board of Directors:

Pamela Strobel, President
Michelle Smith, Vice President
Jessica Hamilton, Treasurer
Kathy Tully, Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Hurly, Recording Secretary
Heidi Lahm, Vice President of Budget and Finance
Kristin Makely, Trustee

President Makely thanked Lisa Stickevers and her Nominating Committee for their hard work and job well done.

Principal's Report

Principal Roger Bowley reported that parents of fifth graders are organizing a field trip for the fifth-grade class to visit Liberty Park to see the Statue of Liberty, and then to attend *Hairspray* on Broadway. Although most funds have been raised already for this project, the organizers are seeking further supporting funds from the PTA. Superintendent Alan Fegley and Dr. Tennant, Middle School Principal, have been consulted and agree that the trip is feasible.

A motion was made and seconded to table this discussion until the next meeting, after further information is presented about the trip. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Art Goes to School: Larissa Willison reported on the Art Goes to School program. She showed the painting by Andrew Wyeth which had been selected by the students.

Outdoor Classroom: Meggin Patterson reported that the planting plan will be finalized shortly. A wholesaler was located to donate plants at cost. A donor of teachers' kits was also located. A planting day will take place in late May.

Spring Social: Kristin Makely reported that a meeting was held on March 3 to organize the Spring Social. The Spring Social will take place at the Fernands' home on Washington Avenue. Four volunteer slots are still available. Leslie Schaffer is coordinating the volunteers. There will be an auction of travel and leisure items. Vacation homes have been donated for the auction. Leases will be provided for the homeowners.

Zone PTA: Lisa Stickevers reported that the Haddonfield Board of Education Candidates' Forum will take place on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haddonfield Middle School auditorium. It will be an open-microphone event where the candidates answer questions.

Family Dance: Kristin Makely reported that the Family Dance will be on April 4. The Committee has received 35 responses so far from students planning to attend the event. The theme is Boardwalk.

Target Red Cards: Kristin Makely reported that Chris Pierznik is involved with Target Red Cards as a school fundraiser. He may be available at future PTA events for people to register for this card.

New Business

Drew Hanson and Amy Keys Shaw, candidates running for the school board, introduced themselves and were available to answer questions.

The next PTA meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 8, 2008, in the Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School Library, immediately following the Budget Review Session which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Pamela Strobel read the announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

*President Weinstein's report was presented before the meeting was called to order. Certain PTA officers were delayed unavoidably at a previous meeting which caused the PTA meeting to begin later than originally scheduled.