

Copper Beech PTA Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2008

Call to Order: Loretta Fox introduces the new PTA board members and extends a thank you to last year's co-presidents, Leslie Razzi and Ellen DeStefano.

Co-Presidents Report: Nicole Wylie reports that Movie Night is being postponed until later in the year; directories will be out in late October or early November; the new PTA Handbook is now available; the Paving Project, which was approved last Spring, will cost approximately \$8000 and will possibly be completed this fall.

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Jan Kline, Principal, reports that the new school year is off to a great start. There was a 9/11 program on the morning of 9/11. Look out for order forms for Copper Beech's ABC Book, which was written and illustrated by staff and students of Copper Beech last year. Cheryl Harness will be our visiting author in late November and Dr. Kline recommends her novel, Just for You to Know, for the upper grades.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, Curriculum Specialist, thanks the PTA for the luncheon and informs parents that she does conduct baseline screening for Kindergarten students three times a year.

Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. McFadden are the faculty representatives for the PTA this year. They extend many thanks for the luncheon and for the Paine's gift cards!

Treasurer's Report: Erin Brown has added a line in the monthly fiscal reports for "register balance," "pending transactions," and "cash difference." The "cash difference" line reflects the discrepancy between the check book register and the bank statements.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Judy Wacker reports that many Thank you's have been received for the PTA luncheon and Paine's gift cards.

Fundraisers:

Membership: Ellen DeStefano reports that there are 210 members so far – keep sending your memberships in! The \$6 membership dues is per member.

Sally Foster: Marybeth Malfara reports that all orders are due by September 26. Items will be distributed on Tuesday, October 21. Volunteers are needed!

Market Day: Jessica Fuller reports that the first order is coming out next week. This fundraiser raises an average of \$4500!

Children's Art Fundraiser: Jodi Adrian is the coordinator. Final products will be out in early to mid December.

CB Jewelry: Mike Ruggieri of Keswick Jewelers custom makes CB pendants, charms and bracelets. He donates half of the proceeds to the CB PTA. He gave a check to the PTA for \$162.62 for last year's proceeds. Thank you!

Margie Serriani and Lianne Doyle will continue to collect Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education. Send them in to the PTA office.

Activities:

PTA Website: Tim Brown is the webmaster for the new CB PTA website. Look there for an up to date calendar, links to activities, and other important info! Thanks, Tim!

Homeroom Parents: Mary Ann McDonough and Tricia Timbers are the coordinators for all of the homeroom parents. They have made available four separate sign up sheets for parents who are interested in volunteering in various ways, which can be signed at the Open Houses. There is a limit of 5 Homeroom parents per class (including the Lead), and names will be literally picked from a hat if more have signed up than 5 for each class. All homeroom parents will be meeting on 10/3 at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

All of the PTA Activities for the year were mentioned during this meeting. All of the PTA's activities are in need of volunteers. Sign up sheets are available at PTA meetings and at Open House. The following activities currently need someone to coordinate them: the Fall Festival, Hoagie Night, the Adult Fundraiser, and the Spring Fair.

Sixth Grade Activities: Marybeth Malfara and Leslie Razzi report that there will be a meeting concerning Sixth Grade Activities on Monday, September 22 during Open House. Volunteers for these activities are needed!

Miscellaneous:

Suzy Lopolito requests a PR coordinator who could get out information on PTA Activities. She also encourages everyone to attend school board meetings.

Dr. Kline reminds parents to email her first before approaching the school district in regards to Copper Beech, as she is able to make recommendations to the district.

Next PTA Meeting: October 16, 2008