

## Minutes of the February 22, 2010 PTA Meeting

### Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

**The meeting commenced at 7:09 pm in the Cafeteria and the following people were in attendance:**

Robin Lamb	Susan Flint	Sherrill Brown	Jill VanDusen	Chris Meagher	Kate Pierce
Julie Plumadore	Stephanie Reilly Dobo	Katie O'Brien	Greg Pace	Beth Silaika	Marilyn Pickett
Marilyn Pickett	Stephanie Goodman	Margarita Zacher	Jen Landers	Fran Matson	Samantha Yattaw
	Cathie Smith	Melinda Leter			

Items discussed:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Board of Education Update – representative absent.</li> </ul>
<b>Mr. Pace</b> Tesago Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Door will be in front vestibule. Will now need to buzz in order to get into the school. There is also a camera out there. A screen is in the office.</li> <li>Parents want to help but their talent(s) don't always match with what the school needs assistance with. Word of mouth is key. We are looking for talents "outside" of the box".</li> <li>Patrick Snyder Scholarship – the money will remain in the fund throughout future years. This is not an actual scholarship. The student that receives the award will be able to pick cash, gift certificate, etc. This Scholarship will go to a student that the teachers know have leadership abilities, but the student doesn't always have the opportunity to show these abilities. Patrick Snyder really liked movies, and was extremely artistic. He was very comfortable in what he was doing.</li> <li>Shensational will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Will be throughout all of the school buildings.</li> <li>Conversations with Superintendent will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>We lost 6 million in budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Beth Silaika</b> President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brought up that Tony Morrelli will not be able to fulfill the remainder of his treasurer term as he has been called to duty. Beth nominated Jen Landers as Treasurer and it was 2<sup>nd</sup>d by Margarita. All were in favor. Effective March 10<sup>th</sup> Jen will officially be the treasurer. Beth, Tony and Jen will need to go to bank to transition everything over.</li> <li>Hockey Night will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Will be in memory of Patrick Snyder.</li> <li>March Madness will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Will need time to break down cafeteria and the cafeteria should then be ready around 1:35 or so.</li> <li>School Supply Packets – we would like to offer these again. Was brought up was a great idea but the Glue didn't stick and the Ticonderoga Pencils keep breaking for whatever reason. Was suggested that we ask them to supply 3M or Elmers Glue.</li> </ul>

<b>Robin Lamb</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lego League – need place to store legos. May store them on top of the library cases. Mr. Pace brought up that they want more intermediate legos for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.</li> <li>• Need chairs to PARP and Odyssey of the Mind.</li> </ul>
<b>Sherrill Brown Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Carnival – the D.J. has been reserved. We have also reserved the games through Fun Services. We will be looking for many volunteers to help Julie and I with the games and concession, etc. Please let either myself, Julie or Beth know if you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested.</li> <li>• Minutes – having difficulty getting minutes to the office via email. Am not sure if the emails are getting blocked, etc.</li> <li>• Odyssey of the Mind – March 6<sup>th</sup> – still looking for volunteers to help out with the concession. Anyone who is interested can contact Sherrill or Beth Silaika.</li> </ul>
<b>Stephanie Reilly Dobo Arts &amp; Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will be Stephanie’s last year working with Arts &amp; Education. They will need another person.</li> <li>• March 10<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade goes to see The Little Mermaid at Proctors. On March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> _____</li> <li>• Brian Chevalier – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> will be more recording dates.</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Battle of the Books was very successful.</li> <li>• Family Library Night will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Book Sale – will be held in the cafeteria. They have received a lot book donations ranging from babies to adult. Books will be .25 cents each. This event is usually very well attended. They will have a surprise display and will continue to collect books right up until the last minute.</li> <li>• TPT – Parent Resource Guides – working on Resource Guide for Parents who have special things that they do.</li> <li>• PTA Membership – Susan Flint advised that we are at 314 total for the PTA Membership. Last year we were at 256. There are 113 men that are now members which is 44% of the total membership.</li> <li>• Founders Day – Julie Plumadore announced that the dinner will be held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The 3 recipients of this award are: Amy Kiniman, Stephanie Reilly Dobo and Beth Haig. There is a sign-up sheet to attend. And the dinner is \$29 for “non-participants”.</li> <li>• March Madness – 3:30 to 7:00 in Lobby. Looking for Mascot. Beth Silaika advised that her daughter, Karin is interested in being the mascot. All 8 schools will be getting together.</li> <li>• Book Sale – Collecting books (kids thru adult). Books will sell for .25 cents each.</li> </ul>
<b>Stephanie Goodman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraiser ideas. Stephanie advised there are “plates” that can be ordered and the children can make. She is going to look into the actual pricing. As a school we have to choose whether we want to do plates, cups, etc.</li> <li>• Yankee Candle – if we were to do this, the candles would be back before Mother’s Day.</li> </ul>
<b>Tony Morrelli Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 2010 Budget Submitted, and approved. Motioned to move and Julie Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.</li> </ul>

**The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**  
**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**  
Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary