

SKANO PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 6:30 pm

Attendance: Dana Gould, Laura Haley, Kim Nemeth, Liz Dwyer, Kelly Saposnick, Milly Karoly, Janean P. Hewes, Ric Mitchell, Mary Fitzgerald, Maria Stewart, Susan Kirby-LeMon, Melissa Grattan, Ann Gauthier Cara Salvi, Sharon Bowles, Wendy DeRose, Laura Partridge, Aimee Trader, Steve Trader and Kathy Landers-Wise

1) Quorum Present

2) Presentation of 2010 Honorary Life Winners_

Honorary Life winners were announced at the PTA meeting. Each winner received a pin and award as well as a dedication. Honorary life winners are, Laura Partridge, Ric Mitchell, Aimee Trader, Wendy DeRose. Distinguished Service Award winner was awarded to Susan Kirby-LeMon.

3) Minutes approved from 1/26/10. Ann Gauthier and Wendy DeRose motioned approval

4) Reports:

President's Report – Laura Haley and Dana Gould reported that the PTA nominating committee needs a chairperson. Dana Gould and Kelly Saposnick and three more members from the PTA will be the committee for nominating new officers for the school year of 2010 and 2011.

Secretary's Report – Liz Dwyer, approval of minutes from last meeting

Treasurer's Report – Kim Nemeth gave her report. The taxes are almost complete and ready to be submitted. She also asked for the “after school fun” bills be submitted.

Principal's Report –Mary Fitzgerald gave her report on the success of Katie's day which is from the CARES program.

BOE's Report –Sharon Bowles updated the mid-year goal from the BOE. One goal is to improve the communication with families. She also shared about a \$77,000 grant that was awarded for a recycle waste program that high school students submitted. Dr. Robinson will be speaking on 4/22 on budget. “Sensational day” on 3/27 will have many different events for all ages. One event will be “Pennies for Peace.”

Teacher's Report – Read across America. Also suggested to share the CARES video on Katie's day with the PTA members.

Partnership's Report – No report

Council's Report – Next meeting is 3/8

5) Committee Reports:

Kelly DiCocco reported: Odyssey of the Mind final preparation of volunteers for event on 3/6. Janean Hewes volunteered to be our dolphin mascot.

Kelly Saposnick reported: March Madness tickets were completely sold. Final preparations of volunteers and signage is being done. Dana Gould was able to get all the water donated for the event.

Wendy DeRose gave a full report on Fundraising, its purpose and allocation of funds. The notes are included in this binder. It was revealed by the survey that parents would rather contribute money than do catalog sales. This was voted on by the PTA members in attendance. Emily Gallinger and Susan Kirby-LeMon motioned the decision. Ideas brought up in the meeting are to do wreath sales during holiday season and flowers in the spring. Other ideas included a silent auction, jog-a-thon that sponsors the kids and includes fitness, a mystery event, script gift cards and using a goal chart at all PTA events. Laura Greene is chair of fundraising.

Susan Kirby-LeMon reported: Dolphin Readers the book swop is on 3/19

Laura Partridge reported: After School Fun had the best attendance in years.

Melissa Grattan report on Public Relations and that she would like stories and events sent to her so she can do a press release with photos to local media.

Soup Day is 3/19.

6) **Announcements:**

February 28, 2010- Almost March Madness

March 6, 2010 Odyssey of the Mind Competition

March 16, 2010 McDonald's Night, Rte 9 4:30-7pm

March 23, 2010 PTA meeting, Library 6:30pm

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Liz Dwyer, Skano PTA Secretary

Notes are pending approval at next PTA meeting