



Members present: Charlotte Vrba, Somya Bergman, Nancy Kerr, Dawn Scheck, Deb Rempert, Jan Wright, Kim Ambrose, Molly Haworth, Marcie Mefford, Debra Nielsen

Members absent: Laura Milhousen, Sue Sokolinski

PTO members: Jill Stevens, Kathy Evangelista

Guests: Lew Grimscheid, Jeff Ringel

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Introduction of guests, Lew Grimscheid and Jeff Ringel. They presented Watchdogs to the board.

- Watchdogs is a father/grandfather program introduced at Hoover Wood Elementary in April 2013.
- The program helps dads be involved in the classroom and other areas of the school during school hours. It's an avenue for fathers to be involved especially divorced dads, coaches, and dads who travel for work.
- They have two goals: 1) Be a positive role model in the school; 2) Be a second layer of security.
- A video of the program was viewed.
- It's been very positive with the students and not just the father's child(ren).
- Lew and Jeff would be willing to help start a program at AGS if we could find a "TOP DOG".
- A one-time sign up kit is \$350 and several resources are given.
- Fathers complete a survey after each time volunteered.
- Rotolo may be starting a program as well.
- Jan Wright is going to speak with a couple of fathers she knows who may be willing to start the program, Brian Nallenweger and Brian Stiner.

Secretary-D.Scheck

- September board meeting minutes approved

Ways & Means-D.Rempert

- BoxTops: the fall collection is complete and over 11,500 valid BoxTops were submitted which equates to \$1,150.
- Jill Stevens and Kathy Evangelista reported Clothing Sale results
 - The sale generated approximately \$5000.
 - Both buyers and sellers gave positive feedback.
 - The negative feedback included remarks regarding the shabby signs and the weak clothing racks.



- Hoover Wood is not doing a sale at all this year so Jill and Kathy would like approval to do a spring sale.
- Whatever is earned at the spring sale could be reinvested in to the signs and rack improvements.
- They are thinking about Friday, March 21, 2014. The students have a half-day of school.
- Set-up would be done Thursday night so as not to disrupt lunch or specials.
- Kathy will be doing the clothing sale for one more year but Jill will not. We need to find a parent of younger children to take over.
- Jan Wright moved to have the spring clothing sale. Charlotte Vrba seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Walk to School
 - It is this Wednesday, October 9, 2013
 - The stickers are out and ready.
 - We have \$250 of grant money to replace pedometers.
 - Jan Wright moved to issue \$250 grant funds from the county to replace pedometers once all requirements are met. Kim Ambrose seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Sound and Light, Inc. approached us to D.J. all our functions if we were interested.
- Five Below can do a “Shop Around”
 - They can do 3 weekends consecutively.
 - We picked Black Friday weekend, November 29-December 1, and the two weekends afterwards, December 6-8 and December 13-15.
- Barnes and Noble book fair:
 - The students are going to vote on which character Dr. Wright gets to dress like.
 - Lisa Foydel is thinking of having guessing jars for prizes and may have to purchase jars.
 - Discussed purchasing leis or beads or something for the participants to be identified.
- Movie Night: discussed the licensing agreement. \$375 will allow for all movies shown throughout the school and LRC, not just movie night events. We can per showing as well. It’s worth paying depending upon the contract expiration date.
- Gator Gold: Brian Nallenweger will not be chairing next school year.
- Dine Around: Pal Joey’s is this week, Wednesday, October 9th. Panera will be November 7th. There will be two in December in co-ordination with the book fair on December 3rd, Fresh Delite and California Pizza Kitchen.
- Fun Fair committee will be meeting Thursday, October 11th. Their goal is to brainstorm ideas, have everything planned by December break and roll it out at the return to school in January.

Treasurer-C.Vrba

- The recent movie night generated \$982 minus the cost of food.
- Gator Gallop generated approximately \$6400



- The Clothing Sale generated approximately \$5400
- The school supply kits are not generating a lot of money and are a lot of work. We are locked into the same company for another year. We could possibly charge more to increase the profit/convenience fee. Amy Grimscheid.
- Target Redcard generated \$3012. Target pays out annually.
- Miscellaneous funds are from Batavia Mothers Club Foundation, \$700, and from Fundico, \$79. Fundico pays out quarterly.
- Currently we are projected to have \$10,000 in excess at the end of the school year. This could be applied towards technology.
- The on-line directory costs \$2/family but we forgot about the ECC families. Our invoice will be more that originally thought. It will be over \$800.
- We need to file an extension for our taxes by November 15th.
- We will put putting a request on FaceBook to all parents asking for a CPA to do our taxes pro bono.
- The Boy Scouts are about to renew their charter and would like to attend our November or December meeting.

1st VP- K.Ambrose

- Gator Gallop was successful.
 - Had good feedback
 - We had an issue with Kids Kampus and what to do with them. In years past, they were able to participate and received a t-shirt.
 - Parents need to be informed to walk with their children or stand around the loop for safety.
 - We had a lot of water spills and popcorn spills around the school. Next year we may have a water stop and garbage stops.
 - A parent complained about someone being a multiple winner. We can't limit how many times someone wins especially if they donated a lot.
 - Kindergartener Matilda Auer raised \$600 and was the winner of the \$100 gift certificate for art classes at Water Street Studios.
 - Mrs. Thul's AM Kindergarten class raised the most money bringing in \$825. They will have a special recess.
 - Mrs. Sokolinski's class had the most participation from a class and will receive and Open Gym Night.

2nd VP-S.Bergman

- One Special Appropriation was turned in. Diane Cronin wrote it on behalf of Angel. He is requesting a Rubbermaid Cart for moving ladders and supplies around the school. She forgot to include the cost on the request form. It is \$208 plus \$32.77 for shipping, a total of \$240.77 so we would still have \$259.23 left that we could roll- over into the next Special Appropriation.
- Over e-mail, the Finance Committee agreed to fund Angel's proposal, pending a final decision from the board.



- Charlotte made a motion to approve the appropriation for Angel. Jan seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.

President-M.Haworth

- No report

Principal-J.Wright

- No report

Communications-M.Mefford

We discussed the on-line directory

- Marcie has the ECC information and will add to the directory.
- Plenty of people have not verified their information.

Classroom Support-N.Kerr

- A list of head room parents was sent to Mrs. Sokolinski
- Halloween Parties are being planned.

Teacher Liaison-S.Sokolinski, D.Nielsen

- No report

New Business

- Amy Moore and some other women are organizing a list of local 501C-3 organizations to get certificate for GoodWill for homeless families to receive. AGS has two such families.
- Weeds in the courtyard can be controlled with a black tarp in the spring to prevent weed seeds from growing. Also corn gluten can be used.
- The district has not fixed the drainage problem.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheck