

## Notes from November 11, 2009

- . A motion was passed to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting.
- . Teachers Report – Ms. Yackel thanked the PTO for the staff luncheon. Twenty-three books were purchased from funds left over from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade readathon. Ms. Yackel thanked the PTO for their support with birthday lunches.
- . Luci McClure passed around thank you notes from Mrs. Conover for the amplification system.
- . The PTO is teaming up with the Cub Scouts with the West Chester Food Cupboard.
- . Ms. Yackel and volunteers from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be distributing various goods to needy families.
- . Anyone with free turkey coupons from Giant and who would like to donate their frozen turkeys, may redeem their coupons and bring their frozen turkeys to school. Mr. Ransford would make sure there was room in the freezer.
- . Principals Report - As part of the Spirit Committee, CFE will be naming hallways after character traits by putting street signs up in the hallways. Stephanie Ladner will be helping with this project. \$200.00 plus will be budgeted for this project.
- . Pulsars Project (Spanish for bracelet) – orphanage in Nicaragua. In December (caring month) Mr. Ransford will be introducing this project to our students. The children in Nicaragua will be selling their handmade bracelets to CFE for approx. \$3-5/bracelet. In return our students will send pictures.
- . Next week is American Education Week. A letter will be sent home encouraging parents to thank teachers. Sharon Parker will be addressing our students.
- . In the past under Charlene Stone, CFE sold summer workbooks for our students (reading/math). The idea was to purchase these books at the end of the school year for summer enrichment. The idea is being discussed to reintroduce this.
- . Monday, November 16, 2009 – School Board Meeting at CFE. Book Fair will open. During this meeting, recognition of students who participated in the poster contest.
- . There's a need for a new digital camera (adult user only) which can take short videos and a digital video camera. A motion was made and passed to purchase one digital camera and two digital video camera for up to \$2,000.
- . The district issued a grant to provide amplification systems to the rest of the classrooms plus cafeteria and gym.
- . Possible PTO fundraiser – Make CD's of holidays shows, etc. and sell them.
- . Mr. Ransford received complaints from teachers about parents distracting and/or interrupting classroom time.
- . Garnet Valley Middle School – attempted abduction at bus stop.
- . Treasurer's Report – budget approved.
- . President's Report – Script Fundraiser – 30 people participated.  
\$23,818 purchased cards  
\$884.30 net profit  
Will be offering again.  
PTO will be eliminating the wrapping paper fundraiser.
- . Chad the Charger – need volunteers
- . UCF Pasta Dinner Planning Committee – November 16, 2009 – 10 am at UES

- . Sharon Parker and Rich Hug planning United Way event to bring the community together. Would like representative from each PTO.
- . Book Fair – still looking for volunteers. Book Fair will be open during teacher’s conference. Introducing “Ransford bucks” which are gift certificates given to teachers to give to students at their discretion. These “bucks” can be used at the Book Fair. \$240 is available to redeem. We can redeem \$4000 through the Resource catalog (Scholastic); however, need to verify this amount.
- . Art Show – need volunteer for cochair and advertising. Next meeting is November 17,2009 at 9am.
- . Saturday, November 21,2009 – Unionville-Chadds Ford Education Foundation – Hops to Glass – 7-11pm - \$45/ticket.
- . The next PTO meeting will be December 9,2009 at 9:15.