

PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL

MAY 20, 2010

Call to order: The May 20, 2010 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council was called to order at 9:20AM. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report- Carol Aurin

*Extended congratulations to the Peters Township School District for being named a National School District of Character award recipient

*Passed around the Pennsylvania state PTA magazine which contained a photograph of Kelly Gustafson accepting an award

Secretary' Report- Gina Wells

*The minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Anne Marie Wiegmann

*No monthly bills to be paid

*Asked for volunteers for the audit committee. The following people offered to be on the audit committee...Jodi Hannah, Sue Clark and Lorra Brannen.

Unit Reports

Bower Hill Elementary

*Mrs. Gustafson shared a book that was made by the faculty of Bower Hill as a commemorative gift of her award along with her insight from attending the state PTA meeting.

*Rochelle Saxon spoke of upcoming events such as book fair, kindergarten screening and Bower Hill day. Past events of the last month were teacher appreciation week, election of PTA officers and reading olympics.

Pleasant Valley Elementary

*Dr. Logelin explained the meaning of Pittsburgh Day at Pleasant Valley along with the national debut of a song written by a PV parent/songwriter for the third grade play.

*Kelle Cunningham shared that Tons of Fun day will be held in early June. Past events include the start of the point-of-sell cafeteria program and volunteer appreciation lunch.

McMurray Elementary

*Dr, Freado thanked the community for their support and involvement in aiding the school district to achieve the National School District of Character award. A new mosaic was installed in the school building, which was done through the artist-in-residence program. A formal dedication will be held on May 26, 2010.

*Lisa Briegel announced the new officers as President-Lisa Briegel, 1st VP-Margaret Rauscher, 2nd VP-Carol Plantizer, 3rd VP-Sherie Lammers, 4th VP-Christine Belfiore, Treasurer-Nan Campbell, Assistant Treasurer-Jodi Hannah and Secretary-Rochelle Saxon. Upcoming events include McMurray Day and Move Up Day for third graders.

Recent events were Economic Sale, State Fair, Spanning the Globe, Derby Days and staff appreciation days.

Peters Township Middle School

*Dr. Monsour spoke of the recent Shakespeare Day that took place along with future events such as Encampment Day, Move Up Day for 6th and 8th grades, 8th grade dance, awards ceremony and picnic.

*Sue Clark and Lisa Smith announced May 28 as the last teacher appreciation lunch for the school year.

Peters Township High School

*Mr. Frank Brettschneider described the mock car crash demonstration that took place in the morning as a very powerful experience for the students. Changes in the high school include tightened security in the building after school hours, cell phone and I-pod usage during lunch periods and study halls and the students' ability to drive to school during the last two weeks of school.

*Lorra Brannen announced the awarding of three scholarships from the PTA along with the new officers for the 2010/2011 school year as Co-presidents-Lorra Brannen and Jeff Crummie, Vice-presidents-Minna Allison and Ann Marie Aronson, Secretary-Nancy Glicksman and Treasurer-Shelly McIntosh. The prom is tomorrow and past events include Relay for Life and Imagination Celebration.

School Board

*Diane Ritter said the school board is continuing to look at ideas for renovations at the high school. A swipe card system for staff is being implemented.

Committee Reports-Michelle Bittel, not present

Reflections

*Laura Spinabelli was a national winner for film.

School-wide Directory

*No report

School Pictures

*Pictures will be taken for school picture identification cards.

Character Counts

*No report

Membership

*Any unused membership cards must be returned by June 1 to the state PTA.

Bylaws

*No report

Area Council Directory

*No report

Old Business

*Please send all new unit contact information to the state PTA as soon as possible.

*Leadership training will take place on June 1, 2010 at the Peters Township public library.

New Business

*The election of Area Council PTA officers for the 2010/2011 school year took place and the officers are as follows: President- Carol Aurin, Vice-President- Michele Bittel, Secretary- Gina Wells and Treasurer- Cathy Vargo.

*If a local PTA is going to increase dues in order to accommodate the increase in the state PTA dues, then the local PTA bylaws need to be amended.

*Area Council standing rules were recently updated and then presented to the membership. A motion to accept the updated standing rules was made by Jodi Hannah and seconded by Sue Clark. Motion passed.

*All present were encouraged to use the bulk mailing permit through Area Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47AM.