

# Peters Township Middle School PTA Meeting - Minutes

## April 13, 2012

- I. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. President Gina Wells called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. There were approximately 19 people in attendance. (see attachment)
  - b. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
  
- II. President's Remarks- Gina Wells
  - a. Gina welcomed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents in attendance.
  - b. Gina thanked all who contributed to the free-will donation that purchased 3 books to commemorate Evelyn Jozefkowicz's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Each has a name plate in her honor and the books were donated to the PTMS library.
  - c. On Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Peters Township Police Department will be previewing a drug and alcohol prevention program for parents. The program preview will take place in the Community Room at the Police Department at 10:30 a.m.
  - d. Kennywood tickets will be on sale in all buildings throughout the district on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>, specifically at the Middle School from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15p.m.
  - e. The rules for the Reflections contest for the 2012/2013 school year have been streamlined to make the submission requirements more "user-friendly".
  
- III. Principal's Report- Dr. Freado
  - a. Dr. Freado also welcomed the parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders for attending.
  - b. A decision has been made by the PT School Board that the accelerated middle school students will continue to attend the high school for early morning classes.
  - c. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Peters Township High School will operate on a 2 ½ hour delay schedule as the high school staff participates in safety training. PTMS students who normally report to the High School will report directly to the Middle School on that day only.
  - d. The "Artist-In-Residence" Program will have a ceremonial unveiling of the framed glass etchings for those students who participated in the program. The artwork will be mounted in the windows at the Middle School.
  - e. A PTSD Administration Building restroom has been modified and made accessible for spectators at the Middle School athletic field area.
  - f. Teachers, counselors, and administrators from McMurray and the Middle School continue to work together to plan for a smooth 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition. The last day of school is a "step-up" day for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and PTMS students act as ambassadors to help answer questions from current 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

- g. Student planning books will require a payment beginning next year. A future e-mail blast will outline the details for the ordering and payment process.
- h. The Peters Township Character Counts is sponsoring a free concert performed by the United States Air Force Night Flight Jazz Ensemble. The concert will take place at the PTHS Auditorium on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the event for Operation Troop Appreciation to benefit our deployed troops.
- i. Mr. Henaghan, Assistant Principal, announced the PSSA testing schedule: April 18-19, Grade 8, Writing; April 25<sup>th</sup>, Grade 8, Science.
- j. Dr. Freado is working with teachers and students on the development of a touchstone for display as a visual reminder of what our students stand for and strive to become.
- k. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will take place on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and an appropriate dress code will be strictly enforced.
- l. Dr. Freado addressed questions from assembled parents.

IV. Secretary's Report- Beth Quinn

- a. The minutes from the March 1, 2011 PTA meeting were approved without change.
- b.

V. Treasurer's Report- Jodi Hannah

- a. Jodi presented the updated monthly budget and asked for approval to move \$150.00 from the Health and Wellness budget to the Staff Appreciation budget.
- b. Laura Spernak made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Deb Smith seconded the motion.

VI. First Vice President's Report - Barb Calfo

- a. Thank you to Karen Bovalina and the volunteers who provided hospitality for the meeting.
- b. The next Area Council meeting will be held April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Administration Building's board room, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Area Council is collecting used books through the end of April and collection bins are located in each school building throughout the district. A book sale will be held with the proceeds going to our district's libraries and programs that promote reading.
- c. The Student/Faculty Basketball Game was held Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks to the co-chairs Deb Antonucci and Cindy Chapman for the success of the event. A total of \$63.00 was collected for the Relay-for-Life, and the PTA collected \$578.75.
- d. PTMS Football Coaches will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders who may be interested in playing 7<sup>th</sup> grade football at the Middle School this fall.

