

PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL JANUARY 21, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: The January 21, 2010 meeting of the Peters Township PTA Area Council was called to order at 9:21am. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report- Carol Aurin

*Thanked all of those who volunteered with the H1N1 clinic that was held at the high school

Secretary's Report- Gina Wells

*The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Anne Marie Wiegmann

*Jodi Hannah made a motion to approve payment of bills for the month. The motion was seconded by Linda VanNewkirk and passed.

Unit Reports

Bower Hill

*Mrs. Kelly Gustafson thanked the PTA along with the forty-one high school volunteers for sponsoring the third annual Family Game Night.

*Rochelle Saxon (unit president) spoke of the upcoming events such as Reflections assembly, Valentine's Day parties and Bower Hill rec night.

Pleasant Valley

*Mr. Mike Henaghan explained his current position of interim principal of Pleasant Valley Elementary while Mrs. Mary Yavelak is recuperating from illness. A blanket drive for Afghanistan was held in conjunction with the high school and went well. PV Idol will be taking place on February 4, 2010 at 6:30pm and the Winter Carnival will be held on February 26, 2010.

*Kelle Cunningham (unit co-president) spoke of the seamless transition that has taken place with the change of school administration. The students made a video for Mrs. Yavelak's birthday.

McMurray

*Dr. Bob Freado announced the annual dodge ball tournament, which takes place on February 8, 2010. An artist in-residence program will resume again this year in the coming months. Peters Township School District was awarded the Pennsylvania School District of Character award.

*Lisa Briegel (unit president) said registration for after-school classes is currently happening. Upcoming events include Reflections assembly, Spelling Bee, talent show along with fourth and fifth grade movie nights.

Middle School

*Dr. Anthony Merante will be leaving his current position to become the assistant superintendent for Peters Township School District. The date of the musical program has been changed to March 19 and 20. The middle school Bits of Lit magazine won first place in the United States.

*Sue Clark (unit co-president) said the February PTA meeting will be a brunch with the principals and an invitation will be extended to current sixth-grade parents. Over 300 books were collected for Lydia's Place from donations at the school's dances.

High School

*Mr. Gallaway spoke of a new course, Law and Government, being offered at the high school along with internships. There are several upcoming thespian events along with the annual Meatballs and Music event, fundraiser for the music department. A thank-you was given to the PTA for their donation of three microwave ovens to the cafeteria.

*Lorra Brannen (unit president) announced the individual department heads will be present at the February 11, 2010 PTA meeting. Look for changes to be made to the PTA website.

School Board

*No report was given. Diane Ritter was absent.

Committee Reports – Michelle Bittel – vice president

Reflections

*Assemblies are currently going on at the individual schools.

School-wide directory

*A thank-you was extended to all who help make the directory a success.

School Pictures

*The contracts are currently being reviewed for renewal.

Character Counts

*The next meeting for Character Counts is on February 2 at noon.

Membership

*Any names of new members to the PTA need to be submitted by March 31, 2010.

By-laws

*No report was given. Lori Cuervo was absent.

Area Council directory

*No report was given. Cathy Luzier was absent.

Old Business

*None

New Business

*An appreciation letter was written to the school board thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the students in our district.

*Sue Clark made a motion to donate a book costing fifty dollars or less to each school in appreciation of the school board's work. Linda VanNewkirk seconded the motion. The motion passed. The librarians will select the book for their respective schools.

*The names of the BoxTops chairpeople for each school need to be given to Carol Aurin. An effort is being made to increase donation of BoxTops in the district.

*Nancy Glicksman asked for clarification on the difference of club sports versus school sports. She also mentioned senior recognition night for the hockey team is March 1, 2010 at 5:30pm at the Iceoplex at Southpointe.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.