Rittman Elementary PTO- Meeting Minutes 9/18/2012

Attended:

Tracy Smith, Laura Brainard, Melanie Leatherman, Krissy Robinson, Patty Schehl, Virginia Frase, Jacquie Swartz, Janel Hotes, Jen Underation, Amy Fitzgerald, Leah Frye, Melinda Corp, Kelly Scheibe

Welcome and introduction of officers

Each member also introduced self

Principals Report:

New Vice Principal was introduced. There are approximately 540 children enrolled. The school is introducing “Take home Tuesdays” in order to designate one day of the week that important papers are sent home. State report cards are being released soon. The Ohio Department of Education has set the standards for the 3rd grade reading test; a student must score a 390 or above in order to pass the 3rd grade.

PTO is no longer responsible for assigning room parents for the classroom parties. This has been taken over by the teachers and Mrs. McNicholas due to a number of custody and personal issues that the school needs to individually handle. Sign-up sheets for room parents should have been available at the Open House/ Meet and Greet.

Treasurers Report:

Balance is $3,634.16 in checking and the savings amount is to be determined. Melanie is meeting on Saturday in order to turn the savings account over for her to have access.

Market Day:

$214.00 profit

Schwann’s:

$240.00, books last for three months

PTO By-Laws:

The By-Laws were handed out and explained by Tracy Smith. They are also available on the RES PTO website.

Fall Festival:

The chairpersons are Laura Brainard and Mindy Vance

 Five fliers have been returned that were sent out to parents this past week

 More volunteers are needed and people to chair committees

 New/ unused items needed for the basket raffle

 Mrs. Frye requested t-shirts for her volunteers who provide the face painting

 After discussion, members voted and approved the purchase of t-shirts for the students who help with the face painting

Columbus Trip:

 Discussion was done regarding the 4th grade trip that has been cancelled by the school. The school is looking to replace this trip with a field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center. There was discussion as to whether PTO wants to continue to sponsor this event for the 4th graders and if so a committee would need to be formed. The trip would have to be on a non-school day and solely organized by the PTO committee. It was suggested that we look at having this trip for the 5th graders as an end of the elementary years trip and since one of the reasons it was removed was because it does fall under the testing that is done for the 4th graders. It was decided after much open discussion that a form would be sent home to the 4th grade parents to see if there would be an interest in the trip. Interest forms will be reviewed by PTO at a later date and a vote will be taken later.

New Business:

If anyone knows where you can purchase a mannequin or know of someone willing to donate contact Laura Brainard. They are needed for the spirit wear display.

 Event forms are going to be mailed out prior to the event and volunteers requested at that time for the event rather than one form sent at the beginning of the school year. The committee chair persons will be responsible for contacting volunteers for those events.

 Committee chairpersons are still needed. Form was available for people to sign up in order to chair a committee.

Next Meeting is October 16, 2012 at 7:00pm