

BOYNE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEETING
March 2, 2009
Boyne City Middle School Media Center

Present: Tammy Patrick, Karen Sherwood, Laurie Kelts, Jan Korthase, Robin Brzezinski, Sue Fogo, Terri Minor, Amy Matekel

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Robin gave an update on changing the signature card at Citizen's Bank. Some additional documentation is required to effect the change and Heather Price, at the bank, is to contact Karen Sherwood to request what the bank needs.

When new signature card is issued, Robin will reimburse Terri for raffle license fee.

Bingo/Game Night: Karen informed the committee that the planned fund-raiser could not get both a raffle license and a bingo license, per state regulations. Since the raffle license was issued before this conflict became known, the event is being structured around the raffle.

1. Although promotions with the "Bingo Night" name are already in the works, the event will now be called "Game Night" instead. Event is from 608 p.m., Monday, March 16 at the Middle School cafeteria and gymnasium.
2. Game Night set up will be at 4 p.m., Monday March 16. Tammy, Robin, Karen, Sue and Amy will help set up event.
3. Admission: Fee is \$5 for one person, \$8 for couple, and \$15 for family of four. Admission includes pizza, pop and two bingo cards for adults. Prizes for winning will be raffle tickets which can be put in the bucket raffle.
4. Raffle: A bucket raffle will be the main fund-raiser. Each prize will have a bucket. Tickets may be purchased and/or won playing bingo. Ticket holder chooses which bucket to put their tickets in for a chance to win the prize. Prizes to be drawn at 7:45 p.m.
5. Money: Amy will be in charge of admission and raffle ticket money.
6. Food: Sue, Jody McGeorge and Renee Gibbs will oversee food and drink distribution.
7. Desserts: Baked goods may be used as a "bucket" prize or may be given to ticket holders drawn randomly during the event.
8. Promotions: Kim Coates is doing event flyers and posters on how to win at the event. Flyers will be distributed to the elementary and middle school students by Wednesday, March 11 for distribution on Friday, March 15.
9. Bucket raffle: Terri and Amy to collaborate on decorating paper lunch sacks with Shamrocks for use as "buckets" during the event.
10. Prizes: Amy distributed a list of solicited prizes. Amy and Tammy to collaborate on getting the remaining prizes collected before the event.

New Business:

1. Organization status: Six months of minutes and financial documents are required to be recognized by the state as an organization, which will then allow the MS PTO to apply for a raffle license. The existing event is sponsored by the elementary PTO which is already a recognized organization. The MS PTO should have enough information available since meeting regularly this school year to meet this mandate and complete the paperwork with the state.
2. Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW). Karen Sherwood asked the PTO to share the cost of purchasing a new refrigerator for the Middle School staff lounge and stock it (one time only initially) with snacks and beverages for Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2009. The district has required teachers to remove small refrigerators from their classrooms as an energy saving practice. To compensate, Karen would like to purchase a full size appliance for teacher use, and as an extra treat to stock it with some items. The PTO may consider restocking during Teacher Appreciation Week annually – to be discussed as the event nears each year. PTO agreed and Karen will seek best deal on the appliance to purchase. Jan offered to make labels for items purchased, recognizing TAW.
3. 8th Grade Lock In – The student council has asked that eighth grade be given permission for a lock-in event in celebration of 8th grade graduation. After much discussion about appropriate supervision and ability to separate boys and girls during the overnight hours, the decision was made to approve the event if 15 chaperones for boys and 15 chaperones for girls can be signed up to supervise the event. If the chaperones are not available the event will not take place. If chaperones are secured, a date will be finalized. Under consideration for dates is June 10, the last full day of school, following the rafting outing and graduation ceremony. Students would be required to attend the last half day of school on June 11. The committee may also look at a Friday night event if that makes it easier to secure chaperones.

If plans for the event proceed, PTO will be happy to assist in planning for the event, coming up with ideas for games, entertainment, etc., but PTO will not be required to chaperone the overnight event.