

RCV PTA Meeting December 1, 2009

Meeting commenced at 7:12 in the Media Center with Meg Goodman, President presiding.

Terri Reese, Second Vice President, moved to accept the November minutes and it was seconded.

Catherine Jasperse, Principal thanked everyone for the Thanksgiving basket. 1500 pounds of clothing was donated which means \$150 is donated to RCV to buy new peace t-shirts for students that don't have one. Math night is scheduled for the following Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00. It has been noted that parents of DHOH students are not PTA members or frequent visitors to evening activities. Ideas and ways to gain more participation from these parents were discussed so they can become more connected.

Elaine Parks, Cluster Representative, talked about the need for there to be some sort of collective calendar that all of the schools in our cluster can update and coordinate/schedule with so that activities don't overlap or conflict with each other. Parents who have kids in both elementary, middle and high school won't have to choose between activities if the schools fully participate and coordinate schedules.

Colleen Anderson, First Vice President, reported that the family dance was a success and that 260 people attended and RCV made \$380.

Meg Goodman, President, reported regarding Sally Foster that RCV hoped to make \$4700. So far \$2600 was made with online sales and that sales are continuing throughout the holidays, possibly through January.

Terri Reese, Second Vice President, raised the question as to whether we should have another fundraiser, perhaps selling pizza or cookie dough. No decision was made.

Todd Breach, Treasurer, through November 30th, income wise RCV brought in approximately, \$7,000 which is half of the \$13,000 we budgeted for. The family dance did well, raising extra funds and the class parties are on target. Monies have been dispersed to the school for discretionary funds.

Karen Halverstadt, Assistant Principal, reported regarding green schools that RCV was given 15 trees from the tree-mendous program of Maryland; 10 Redbud trees and 5 White Oak trees to fill in certain areas. Three years ago RCV became a green school. The 5th grade planted various trees creating shade in needed areas. Incentive rewards received from SERT from recycling and from our efforts at energy efficiency was used to buy 30 shrubs; inkberries. People in the community helped to plant them. It is hopeful that the 4th grade will do a research plan for host plants in the spring.

Orit Golan, Cultural Arts, is moving forward and being worked on.

Elaine Parks, Reflections: 41 students participated and some students sent in multiple entries. This is the first year RCV entered in the music, video and dance category. DHOH students were the largest represented group overall. The PTA watched the multi media presentations on the promethean board and viewed the artwork displayed in the media center as well.

Beth Morey, Directory, is out and copies were sent home with students. We saved \$ this year using a different printer. There are more copies available if anyone needs them.

Congratulations to our health room tech Siatta Buxton on the birth of her baby.

Brief discussion ensued about RCV's upcoming auction fundraiser and the possibility of earmarking some of the funds for an additional promethean board, one that can be mobile and shared by various classrooms.

The PTA's newsletter, The Echo, will occasionally run blurbs for RCV families regarding home-based businesses, daycare, etc. It is up to the PTA's discretion as to what ads are published. The PTA may run an ad as a courtesy but in no way will endorse any that are published.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Lee, Recording Secretary RCV PTA