

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
January 19, 2011
8:45 a.m. Auditorium

- Laura Morea called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Laura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2010 Membership meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved by a majority of the members present.

Old Business:

- Thank you to the chairs of the Decorating Committee, Jolene Segal and Alison Begley.
- Thank you to our Box Tops Committee chair, Kristina Lacy. Please keep sending in Box Tops.
- Thank you to our Spirit Wear chairs, Gail Goss and Deana Roper. We have some new items for sale including hats and t-shirts.

New Business:

-Jackie Weber, our treasurer, reported that the Executive Board has been discussing the possibility of raising the SCA Family Membership dues for the next school year. The dues have been \$8/per family for the last eight years and, the Board believes that the SCA should increase the dues. The SCA currently spends at least \$50/child each year. This includes the cost of trips, student agendas, Field Day t-shirts and the Halloween Parade. The total amount spent for 2009-10 was \$19,000. While the Board is not looking to have the membership dues cover all of these expenses, we feel that it is appropriate and necessary to raise the dues. In order to make this change, there must be a membership vote to approve an increase. A paper ballot will be sent out to the membership asking for members to choose from two options and to approve the increase. The first option is to pay the dues per child rather than per family. With this option, the dues would be \$10/child. The second option would be a family membership which would cost \$20/family. Jackie said that the board members would like to hear comments and/or questions regarding this issue. A parent asked what the dues are at other schools. Jackie said that the Board looked at the dues for parent organizations at other schools and that they were in fact, higher. The average amount was approximately \$11/child. The Board will put this decision up for a membership vote by paper ballot in the coming weeks.

-The Fashion Show will be held on March 23rd at the Old Brookville Country Club. This is the biggest fundraiser that we hold. Please contact Pam Elden and Ginny Wagner, our Fashion Show Co-chairs if you would like to volunteer. The cost of tickets for this event are lower than they were two years ago. There will also be an early bird discount that will be announced by flyer.

-The opening date for CREW is March 11th--please note that this is a change of date from what is marked on the District Calendar. On March 14th, we will have a visit from our guest author, Patricia Polacco. Both hardcover and paperback editions of her books are available for parents to purchase. The books will have a special bookplate on the inside cover.

-The Board is seeking fundraising ideas to help cover the additional \$1,500 that the membership voted to pay for the author visit. Jackie stated that the original budget for CREW was \$2,000. The cost of the author is in addition to that. Bridget said that she has a parent volunteer, Mrs. Silverstein, who will organize a Family Pasta and Game Night on April 1st or 8th. Teachers will serve the food from Sergio's Pizza and families will bring their favorite board games to play.

-Leti said that she and Tina will organize a used children's book sale to help fundraise for CREW also.

-Janet Wile reported that the After School Clubs and Activities Program is going well. About 70 children signed up for this program and she is looking into running another session in the Spring.

-The Yearbook Committee is running well. Yearbooks include photos of every child. Orders are now being accepted.

-Tina reported that the Talent Show is scheduled for March 18th at 7p.m. The flyers have gone out and are due back on February 4th. Rehearsal dates are currently being coordinated. Volunteers are needed to help out that night.

-Thank you to Maureen Denley for chairing the Circus. The Circus is going to be at Glenwood Landing from January 24th through the 28th. The 5th graders will perform on the 28th in the afternoon and in the evening. Ticket sales will help offset the cost of the evening performance. The fifth grade will sell circus themed items at the evening show to help raise money for the 5th Grade Dance.

-Thank you to Dawn Walton and Alyssa Scarola for their work on the 5th Grade Dance. Their next committee meeting is on January 24th at 7 p.m.

-Preparations are under way for the 4th Grade Art Show. This year, the show will be held before the Spring Concert. Proceeds will help offset the cost of the 4th Grade Carnegie Hall trip.

-The Science Fair is being held on March 29th for grades K, 1, and 2 and on March 30th for grades 3, 4 and 5.

-Thank you to a GWL family for making a generous \$1,000 donation to fund recess roundtable discussions for 3rd graders.

Faculty Report:

Darlene Skaee

-Kindergarteners are using nursery rhymes to help them learn about scientific inquiry. They have also begun a study of the author, Donald Crews.

-1st graders are studying different types of functional writing using ads, postcards, etc.

-2nd graders are learning about balancing and weighing in science.

-3rd graders are learning about fundamentals in text.

-4th graders are studying picture books.

- 5th graders are learning about essay writing and the different types of essays including descriptive, persuasive, and expository narratives.
- Mrs. Van Hoff is very excited about Patricia Polacco's visit and has set aside different books for each grade.
- The Enrichment Program has Strummin' and Drummin' coming in February. They are pushing in to grades K, 1 and 2 right now and will be returning to grades 3, 4 and 5 soon.
- The reading teachers have begun and "ELA Undercover Club."

Principal's Report:

Bridget Finder

- Thank you to our anonymous donor for your generous gift to the Enrichment Program.
- Thank you to Mrs. Silverstein for organizing the Pasta Night.
- Many teachers have volunteered to participate in the Fashion Show.
- The new arrival and dismissal procedures seem to be running well. There is a little more traffic in the Kindergarten Circle than usual, but this is probably due to the weather.
- CREW begins on March 11th.

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie Weber

Bank Balance as of 11/30/10	<u>\$17,279.57</u>
Deposits(detailed on Quicken Statement)	\$0
<u>Total Deposits</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Debits	
Spirit Committee	\$1038.75
Carnegie Hal	\$2,032.00
Handbook	\$600.00
Meet & Greet	\$49.91
<u>Total Debits</u>	<u>\$3,720.56</u>
Bank Balance as of 12/31/10	<u>\$13,558.91</u>
*Quicken Balance as of 1/18/10	<u>\$2,192.77</u>
* includes the following un-cleared items:	
Spirit Wear	\$1,500.98
Carnegie Hal 1	\$551.00
5th Dance	\$119.73
Bradley Marketing(5th fundraiser)	\$1142.43
Circus Project	\$5,700.00

Fashion Show(deposit Brookville)	\$1,000.00
Helping Hands	\$1,400.00
Kidstuff Coupon Book	\$1,762.50
Talent Show(2009)	\$23.96
Total Debits	\$12,171.14
Deposits	
Spirit Wear (sold at Friendly's)	\$181.00
Fall Fundraiser Coupon Book	\$125.00
Faculty Dues	\$408.00
5th Grade Fundraiser(chairs/blankets)	\$404.00
Enrichment Programs(Friendly's fundraiser)	\$95.00
Total Credits	\$805.00

Meeting adjourned, 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Fichtl