

**Millville Elementary School Parents Association  
Minutes for January 3, 2008**

**I. Attendance**

Peggy Fowler	Janet Davis	Kim Fuller
Kathy Stearman	Valerie Hilliard	Kari Pisano
Tanya Morin	Diane Homand	Eileen Tetreault
Kristen Emerson		

**II. Introductions – Welcome**

**III. Standard Reports**

- A. Secretary’s Report for December – read and accepted.
- B. Treasurer’s Report for December – read and accepted.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Community Variety Show – Kari Pisano and Kristen Emerson**

- 1. Kari and Kristen presented the idea of having a community variety show as a fundraiser for MESPA. They would like to hold it for two nights in the spring and open it to everyone in the town. There would be auditions and weekly rehearsals. They are currently looking for dates when the auditorium could be used.
- 2. Volunteers would be needed to put together fliers, help with stage set-up, etc.
- 3. There is the possibility of selling advertising for the program. Also selling refreshments at the show.

**V. Old Business**

**A. BJ’s Membership Drive – Peggy Fowler**

- 1. There were 15 responses. Peggy still has not dropped off the forms so she can take a few last minute responses. Those who signed up did receive a temporary pass to use until they are activated.

**B. School and Yearbook Picture – Janet Davis**

- 1. Family Photo Fundraiser – A date for next year has not been determined.
- 2. Yearbook – A date for spring pictures has not been determined.

**C. Newsletter – Cristen Flanagan**

No update.

**D. Volunteer Update – Kim Fuller**

Thank you notes have been sent.

**E. MESPA Folders – Kim Fuller**

No update.

**F. Lunch With the Principal – Cindy Nordquist**

No update.

**G. Year Long Fundraising**

- 1. Box tops –The school has received a check for over \$900. Points for the broken machine that was purchased through the program last year will credited to our account.
- 2. Campbell’s Labels – no update.

**H. Family Fun Day – Kathy Stearman**

- 1. Family fun day will take place on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6-8 p.m. It will be a swim and roller skate event at the Whittin Community Center, at \$6 per child. Members of the center will not need to pay. There are skate rentals available on a limited basis.
- 2. The center does not require any money up front, but they do need an estimate for number of attendees to properly staff life guards. Kathy will tell them 150.
- 3. The gym for roller skating will be closed specifically for MES use, but the pool will be open to the community.

**I. MESPA Web Site – Kathy and Peggy**

Kathy has checked with her husband about the web site. They would not be able to do it for free, but could do it for \$10 per month. They would be providing the server, but would not be able to provide a lot of service. Peggy is confident that her husband and her daughter can provide the manpower to get the site up and running. Her daughter can also use community service hours to maintain the site. Brad Monroe can easily link our site to the school district. Kathy will have her husband contact Peggy.

**J. Mother & Son Dance – Peggy, Kathy, Kim**

1. Kim has looked into the VFW in Uxbridge. They are available on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. They will not charge us a fee and the facility is handicap accessible. Kim will book the date.

2. The facility expects us to clean up, remove trash and decorations, etc. We are expected to keep all children in the hall, not wandering the parking lot. Information about appropriate behavior should be included in the invitation.

3. Peggy will call the DJ and photographer.

**K. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Montage – Janet Davis**

1. Janet will be sending out 2 fliers in January – one soliciting volunteers to help with the picture collecting and sorting, and one to collect photos from the fifth graders.

2. For photo collection, it works best to provide a quart size Ziploc bag for each fifth grader. Mrs. O'Neil can print labels to put on the bags. The photos should be due back before February vacation.

3. The photos should be grouped (i.e. baby, sports, family. Vacation) and sorted by solo, 2 people, or group. Once they are in order, they can be scanned. Peggy can help with this.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Fundraising**

1. Home based businesses – many home-based businesses will run fundraisers. They are usually not as profitable, but it would take some of the work off MESPA.

2. Papa Gino's – This restaurant will hold fundraiser nights where coupons are distributed and a certain percentage of food ordered will go to MESPA. Kathy will look into this in conjunction with Family fun night in February.

3. Goodsearch.com – This is an easy way to earn some money but not too many people seem to be using it.

4. Mall Night – this would be good for December to get involved with charity nights at malls.

5. Beach Towels – This seems like the best prospect for right now. It is something that everyone can use. Peggy will ask Patrice to look into this.

**VII. Committees**

**A. Banking – Patrice Pickering**

No update.

**B. Yearbook – Janet Davis**

1. The cover art is due to Geskus by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The art teacher is currently working with the fifth graders to do this. Kim will be scanning the artwork and creating a photoshop document.

2. The due date for all of the yearbook has been pushed back to April vacation, whereas last year we had until mid-May. Janet will check into negotiating this date so we can try to include the Sons and Dates dance.

3. The date of Spring pictures needs to be confirmed.

4. Many volunteers are needed to help with sorting through photos and setting up pages.

5. The yearbook committee will be meeting on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Janet's house.

**C. Recess – Donna Tringali**

No update.

**D. Beautification – Kari Pisano**

No update.

**E. Cultural – Tammy Austin**

No update.

**F. Volunteer - Already covered above.**

**G. Fundraising - Already covered above.**

**H. Welcome – Tammy Austin**

No update.

**VIII. Correspondence and Other Matters**

None.

**IX. Mrs. Tetreault's Requests and Comments**

**A. Comments**

1. Preschool applications are available as well as kindergarten registration. It is looking like we will get the grant for full day kindergarten next year, but it is not definite yet. The state committee has extended the deadline to accept grant applications, so we will have to wait to hear. The school district has put a committee together to implement full day kindergarten.

2. Mrs. Olbrys had a baby boy, Jamison, on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to her.

3. Mr. Lanctot (Greeny) has been out due to an injury

**X. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**