

Barnard PTA Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2011

Co-President Liz Smith opened the meeting at 7:30pm. Secretary Sara Cremins recorded the minutes. Co-Presidents Liz Smith & Jennie McFarland introduced themselves and then all those in attendance introduced themselves. There were 38 people present (sign in sheet on file)

Presidents Report:

Co – President Liz Smith reviewed upcoming events: October 12th speaker postponed, Principals Tea for new Barnard families will be held on October 6th at 9:30am. Liz Smith reviewed open positions. The following positions were announced as open and then filled at the meeting: Book Fair: Deborah Grace. Tee- Shirt sales: Mara Roberge. International Dinner: Charmane Wong. Staff Appreciation Lunch: Charmane Wong. Plant Sale: Meredith Chamberlain. Carnival Co – Chair: Nadine Southwell. Safety Committee: Erika Cohen. Sunshine Committee: Michelle Peduto –Pappas.

Committee Updates/Report

Membership

Mara Roberge reported that 236 families have joined the PTA. The goal is 320. Mara attended the staff meeting today to encourage staff to join the PTA.

After School Program

Sara Cremins reported that registration for After School program (Grades 1 and 2) have been distributed and are due back October 4th. Classes begin November 1.

Pumpkin Patch

Michelle Peduto-Pappas & Mille Radonjic reported that flyers have been distributed for the 4th Annual Pumpkin Patch. The event will begin at 10am, and feature pumpkin sale, pumpkin painting, arts + crafts and a costume parade at 10:30am. Donuts & cider will be available to purchase.

Halloween Dance

Karen Gray, Event Co-Chair, reported that flyers for the dance would be distributed this week. Ticket sales will be pre-order only and the PayPal link will be set up on the school website for online purchases. Volunteers are needed to help plan & set up the obstacle course, haunted house and help is needed for Friday afternoon set up in gym.

Fundraising

Kathy Palermo reported that the wrapping paper sale is underway and all orders are due October 14. On October 18 we will be having a fundraiser with Homemade Pizza Company, located in Larchmont. They will donate money to the PTA for each large pizza + salad purchased on this day. Flyer to be distributed week of October 10. Box Tops are due October 14. The Better School Bonanza contest is underway and the flyer was sent home in the backpacks. We need everyone to vote each day so that we can get to 500 votes and win \$500.00 for the PTA.

Book Fair

Maura Gallucci reported that we still need a Co-Chair for this event. Attendee Deborah Grace volunteered to help with this event. Volunteers will be needed for Thursday set up, and for Mon-Thurs during the event. There will be a collection of gently used books to be sold at the \$1.00 table. Maura suggested that we might want to add an early morning or evening event for those parents who cannot be attend during the day. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that an evening event would be fun so Maura + Deborah will look into adding it this year.

Election Day Bake Sale

Jennie McFarland reported that Cathy Merigliano will Chair the event and we have a good amount of volunteers. Bakers will be needed.

Mom's Club

Jennie McFarland discussed starting a Mom's Club (or Family Club) for Barnard parents and questioned if there was interest. This group would meet monthly and feature speakers and other interesting programs for parents. Jennie will continue to look into this idea to determine if there is interest from the Barnard community.

Photo Days

School pictures have been rescheduled and will take place November 15th and 16th.

Around the Table

Parent Erika Cohen discussed her concern about the traffic flow outside the school and the safety of our children as they are walking into school due to lack of sidewalks and crossing guards. She is pursuing this matter with City Hall and agreed to head up the Barnard Safety Committee.

A door Prize, a \$20.00 gift certificate compliments of Homemade Pizza Co, was awarded to Claudia Garcia.

Next meeting date: November 7 at 9am. Principal Lambert will attend and we will recognize her 10-year anniversary at Barnard. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.