Nash PTA Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2009
Nash Elementary – Library

I. Elizabeth Daghfal, PTA President, welcomed all in attendance. She introduced Linda Swan, a Caudwell Banker real estate agent, as the recipient of the PTA Friend of Education award winner. Linda has donated to several functions for the school including the Nash Bash, Fall Festival, Science Fair, and Golf Outing. Linda’s children are all grown at this point, but she still feels it is important to help all children. She so deserves this award. Thank you Linda for all you do for the school and students.

II. Approval of Agenda
- Motion to approve agenda: All in favor of approving agenda
- 2nd: No opposed
- Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

III. Treasurer’s Report – Regina Scheppa
A. Items that are reflected on this month’s report include Father/Daughter dance, Out to Eat Night, Bake Sale, and Brick Orders.
B. A line 68 has been added on the report to include the Volunteer Celebration Dinner.
C. The bottom line, at this point, looks like PTA will end the year with $1,600.

IV. Motion to put February’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report into permanent record
- Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Christina Walker
- 2nd: Patty Elrod
- Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

V. Elizabeth Daghfal also wanted to recognize our principal, Marty Pitts, for receiving the award for PTA Advocate of the Year. Marty is always supportive and willing to help in all aspects. The thanked him for everything he does.

VI. Fundraising
A. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
   1. Nick-n-Willy’s night brought in $229, $85 of it was from heart pizza orders.
   2. There will not be an Out to Eat Night in March because of Action Territory Night. There will be a night in April, over spring break, which will be announced at a later date.
B. Golf Outing – Sue Kuryanowicz
   1. Time with Teacher forms will be coming out in the next couple weeks. Students can sign up to win time with ANY teacher they wish to.
C. Spirit Wear – Gillian Santoro
   1. Order forms have gone home, but some contact information was accidentally left off. Another form will be sent home with all information on it soon. Some of the new items on the order form are long sleeve shirts and a wider color selection to choose from.

D. Bake Sale – Tamara Fink
   1. Third grade sponsored the February Bake Sale which made $126. Fourth grade will host the next sale on March 27.

E. Box Tops – Christina Walker
   1. Another 1,148 tops were sent in to be added to the $1,900 already sent in this year. The contests will continue through the end of the year, so keep sending them in. All box tops collected from this point on will go towards next year.

F. McDonald’s Receipts – Janet Lowe
   1. At this point, there are two pending orders. These include two carts for the library and a push cart for third grade. Continue sending in your receipts.
   2. A reminder from Mr. Donald Lowe, popcorn day will be Friday, March 6.

G. Market Day – Kristina Dean
   1. February’s sale made $139.76. The next pick up will be on March 26 after school.
   2. The next promotion will be to sell or purchase 3 items and get a Market Day bag or donate the money to a boy at school to help him attend the Mother/Son Event, just include the child’s name. These orders will here in time for Easter.

H. Book Fair – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. Will be during the Science Fair.

I. Capri Sun – Gillian Santoro
   1. There is a box to collect the pouches in the cafeteria and collection is going great.

J. Milk Caps – Terri Voyles
   1. To date, there have been 5,000 caps collected. Kemps and Swiss Valley caps are being submitted and the PTA will be getting checks in the amount of $100 and $140. To send in Milk Moolah caps their needs to be 1,000 caps and currently we have 400. Please remember to rinse the caps and dry them before sending them in.

K. Flowers – Tamara Fink
   1. There will be more information coming in April.

L. Spring Buy – Lynda Bogdala
   1. There has been no date set at this point, but hopefully flyers will be going out this month.
   2. Someone is needed to shadow Lynda to be able to take over the Fall Fundraiser because she will no longer be able to coordinate it. Dana Stetz volunteered to shadow Lynda and take over as chairperson of the Fall Fundraiser.

M. Original Artworks – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. The student’s artwork is being sent home this week and parents have the opportunity to order items with the artwork on it. All orders are due by March 14.
2. There is an opportunity to order ceramic plates for the discounted price of $15, if they are donated to the school to be mounted on the walls.

VII. Extra – Curricular
A. Yearbook – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. The price to order a yearbook is $15 but the price will go up on March 11.
2. Pictures are still needed. There will be group pictures taken on March 12 or 19. The contest for the most pictures turned in and used in the book is still going on, so get them in for your chance to win the gift certificate. The completed yearbook needs to be turned in, in five weeks.
B. Father/Daughter Dance – Gillian Santoro and Regina Scheppa
1. The dance was a huge success and great fun for all.
2. There was $900 left over from the event.
   ▪ Regina Scheppa made a motion to put the $900 left into the Father/Daughter fund for next year.
   ▪ 2nd: Gillian Santoro
   ▪ All PTA members are in favor, motion accepted and passed
3. Patty Elrod found a photographer willing to give the PTA a CD of pictures from the dance.
C. Mother/Son Event – Lucy Stewart
1. The event will be held at Medieval Times on April 25.
2. There was a bake sale held during Parent-Teacher conferences to raise money to defer the cost of the night for families. The sale earned $219. There will also be another fundraiser selling Nick-n-Willy’s cards. Each child wishing to earn money to help pay for the event will sell the cards on their own.
D. Volunteer Dinner – Marty Pitts
1. All the staff will contribute to coordinating the dinner.
2. It was agreed the dinner will be on Tuesday, May 12, 6pm to 8pm. The first hour will be the dinner and the second hour will be the May PTA meeting. At this meeting, Mr. Pitts will give his “State of the School” presentation.
E. Open Gym Nights – Dave Naylor
1. The nights are going well. For grades K-1-2-3 there have been between 20 to 25 kids attending each night. The 4-5 grades have had only around 7 kids attending, so this night has been opened up for the siblings also.
2. Dad’s open gym is going well too. This night is held every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30.
F. Family Fun Nights – Lucy Stewart
1. Action Territory Night will be held on Thursday, March 13, from 5pm to 9pm. It will cost $5 per person in which $2 of the cost will come back to the school. A wristband will be given to attendees for food.
2. There will also be a box at Action Territory for families to send notes to the troops. So be sure and bring them with to put in the box.

VIII. Curricular
A. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. There has been no notice of state winners yet and CD’s are still available.
B. Multicultural Festival – Karen VanBlarcom
   1. Volunteers are needed for the night of the festival to supervise in the gym. There are two shifts to choose from, 6:15 to 7:30 or 7:30 to 9:00.
   2. Karen asked the PTA for funds in the amount of $300 to purchase display boards for artwork at the festival.
      ▪ Motion to give Multicultural Festival $300: Patty Elrod
      ▪ 2nd: Syndi Vazquez
      ▪ All PTA members are in favor, motion accepted and passed
C. Reading Nights/Accelerated Reader – Patty Elrod
   1. For the reading night about 100 people attended and many students took AR quizzes. Incentives for taking AR quizzes are already being given out.
D. Academic Contests – Julie Merow
   1. The 4-5 grade Black History Bee was recently held and 4th grader Gwen Johnson won the Nash Bee and placed 4th at the district bee. She was the only 4th grader in the bee.
E. Science Fair – Cal Becker
   1. Professor Oops visited Nash to raise interest in science and was very successful. There are now over 140 students interested in participating in the fair. Extra entry forms will be handed out to teachers and joint projects are welcome, but only 2 students max.
   2. Science nights at Nash to help with projects will be held on Thursday nights in March from 6:30 to 8:00.
F. Kindergarten Registration – Christina Caceres
   1. Currently there are 70 children who have been registered for kindergarten next year.

IX. Newsletter – Syndi Vazquez
A. The deadline to submit articles for the April newsletter is March 20.

X. Volunteer Coordinator – Elizabeth Daghfal
A. If you are a chairperson for a committee and you do not plan on continuing as the chairperson for the 2009 – 2010 school year, please let the PTA board know as soon as possible. This way, a replacement can be found to fill the position.

XI. New Business
A. Ms. Merow, 5th grade teacher, requests $150 to pay for an Abe Lincoln impersonator to come to the school to educate the 5th grade students.
   - Motion to give $150 for Abe Lincoln: Sue Kuryanwicz
   - 2nd: Cal Becker
   - All PTA members are in favor, motion accepted and passed
B. Mrs. Powers, 1st grade teacher, requests $140 for the PBL group “Oceanographers” to offset the cost of a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium for the PBL students. The approval of this request would lower the cost of the trip from $20 to $15 for each PBL student.
   - Motion to give $140 to Oceanographer’s PBL: Dave Naylor
   - 2nd: Sue Kuryanowicz
   - All PTA members are in favor, motion accepted and passed
C. Mrs. VanBlarcom, Art teacher, requests $100 to pay for a visiting artist to come to the school and show how to do art. This would be open to students of all ages.
   - Motion to give $100 for a visiting artist: Kristina Dean
   - 2nd: Lucy Stewart
   - All PTA members are in favor, motion accepted and passed
D. Dana Stetz, Hot Chocolate Mornings Chairperson, requests $25 from the PTA to help purchase a new coffee pot.
   - Motion to give $25 to purchase a coffee pot: Holly Richards
   - 2nd: Michelle DeBaere
   - All PTA members are in favor, motion accepted and passed
E. Elizabeth Daghfal mentioned there is a need for 3 PTA members to be on the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the 2009 – 2010 PTA Board. These members would present a list of possible candidates to the board in April, there would be a slate of officer presented in May, and in June the PTA would vote on the board.

XII. Teacher/Staff Comments
A. Dave Naylor
   1. He informed the PTA the next Blood Drive will be 6 hours long. The Blood Drives will possibly be held in October and April. If possible, there will be a drive scheduled on a Saturday and it will run for 8 hours.
   2. Requested a line item be added on next year’s budget, in the amount of $500, to support an Artist of the Month or Quarter.
3. He would also like to set up a Safety Committee to help with the parking lot and school safety issues.
4. Noelle’s Treasure Box has partnered with Tremper High School and currently has $3,200 in the account. Noelle’s Treasure Box purchase’s toys to be given out to sick kids at Children’s Hospital. Currently there are 18 ambassador’s who travel to Children’s Hospital to distribute the toys to the kids.

XIII. Marty Pitts – Principal
   A. Thanked Linda Swan for all she does to support the school and children of Nash.
   B. He stated the Reflections theme “WOW” applies to the PTA. The PTA has done a wonderful job this year with all the programs it has supported from feeding the teachers on all nights of conferences to coordinating great functions like the Multicultural Festival, Mother/Son Event, Father/ Daughter Dance, Golf Outing and other fundraising events. Another “thank you” to Elizabeth Daghfal for helping with the parking lot issues.
   C. The PBL groups are going very well and have expanded to include 30 first graders and two first grade teachers to lead PBL groups.
   D. The preliminary WKCE results are in and he is pleased with the scores. In the 5th grade, the results for Math are 98% of students are advanced and proficient with 63% of the total being advanced. In Reading, 94% of students are advanced and proficient with 49% of the total being advanced.
   E. He is looking into having a Civil War reenactment for students in the spring. Selling food at the event will recoup the price.

XIV. Closing Comments
   A. Elizabeth Daghfal reminded PTA chairpersons to let the board members know if they will continue on in their positions or not for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

XV. Motion to Adjourn
   • Motion to adjourn: Christina Walker
   • 2nd: Cal Becker
   • Motion accepted and passed