

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:05

In attendance:

Allen Ellzey
Libby Ruba
Charlene Alder
Barbara Green
Laura Linton
Trish Strickler
Pam Bowman
Mona Harris
Rozanne Todd
Ginny Merritt

Linda Colhoun
Rula Khayrallah
Suzanne Jack
Kathy O'Bryan
Trish Kane
Eileen Clute
Michelle Lombana
Vicky Atherton
Suzanne Jack
Cynthia Palazzo

The December minutes were approved.

Cultural Arts - Teresa Brantly joined us and explained the Salem Reads program. The school will be participating in a reading event that is designed to include all grades, staff and parents. The book chosen is Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pies by Jordan Sonnenblick. The author will be at Salem Middle April 17th for a day of discussion and activities.

VP / Committee Reports:

Communications - Laura Linton – Newsletter deadline for this quarter is February 16th.

Operations –

Eileen Clute - Volunteer of the month for December was Barbara Keating.

Wake County Liaison - Mr. Ellzey provided information he had with respect to funding disputes for year round schools that were published in the News and Observer. The county commissioners voted to not approve funding, while the school board insists they have no alternatives and move forward. We are proceeding with plans to prepare for conversion to year round.

Services – Suzanne Jack – The blood drive will take place January 30, 8:00 – 12:00. There will be a competition among teams or classes for the group that recruits the most adults to donate. A pizza party will be held for the winning group.

Reflections - Pamela Reefer – 9 students submitted entries for reflections in the areas of visual arts, literature, and photography.

Staff appreciation – We will be providing munchies and chocolate desserts to the staff this month.

Spirit Nights, Mona Harris – The next spirit night is a Chick Fillet, at Beaver Creek Feb 1, from 5-8. There will be a contest between teams for the most participation. There will be a balloon art contest also. 20% of proceeds that night will go back to the school

Trish Kane – Spirit wear – we are still selling spirits wear, and there is more to buy.

Treasurer – Charlene Adler – reviewed the current budget

President's report – Linda Colhoun-

Laura Lantzy explained the next parent seminar that will be held Feb 5. It will be given by Dr. Katherine Leslie, PhD. The topic is “How to Make Your Children Happy.” The talk will address how to help raise your children in a world of too much.

Another internet safety seminar is being planned that will be hands on training. Dates and times are being worked on.

Linda discussed the need to create a nominating committee for next year's PTA, as well as a transition team for year round planning. She expressed interest in pulling in more parents to help with these efforts.

Principal's Report - Mr. Ellzey explained details of the upcoming parent information nights for families with students attending Salem Middle next year. There will be one of each grade. (Jan 23rd, 6th grade, Jan 25th, 7th grade and Jan 30th for 8th grade). Details of the transition to a year round schedule will be addressed, along with timelines for track assignments, electives, and how class schedules will be run. Track assignment forms will be issued at the end of January.

Next meeting will be February 6th at 7:00.