

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:05

In attendance:

Linda Colhoun
Ginny Merritt
Charlene Adler
Trish Kane
Tammy Pressley
Gabriela de la Serna
Rula Khayrallah
Cynthia Palazzo
Hilary Palonsky
Judy Heilnis
Rozanne Todd
Allen Ellzey
Laura Linton
Mary Disano.
Barbara Green

The January minutes were approved.

VP / Committee Reports:

Communications - Laura Linton – Newsletter deadline for this quarter is February 16th. It will be online February 24th, and mailed on the 26th. There is about \$400. in the bulk mailing account currently.

Operations –

Volunteer of the month for December was Ellen Mohr.

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

Samples of the new planners were passed around. They look great.

Reflections - Pamela Reefer – there were 7 participants. Haley Anderson won 1st in visual arts, and will go onto districts.

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

Jennifer Tuttle – Proctors are needed for testing in March.

Spirit Nights, Mona Harris – Spirit night was cancelled due to inclement weather. We may reschedule in April. The Loop is scheduled for March 13.

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

Gabriella – no report.

Cultural Arts – Ginny Merrit - The 8th graders will hear from Ms. Abramson, a Holocaust survivor, on Tues., Feb. 27 at 9:00.

Ways and Means

Treasurer – Charlene Adler – reviewed the current budget

Book Fair – Cindy Palazzo / Hillary Palonsky – Book Fair- Feb. 26-March 2. There will be a poster contest to advertise the book fair. It will be previewed by teachers on 2/23. The book fair will be open each day from 7:00 until 2:30 Mon-Thurs and 7:00-11:00 on Friday. We will also be hosting a Book Bistro/coffee house on Tues. Feb. 27 from 6-8. There will be music, food, coffee and the book fair will be open and all proceeds from the coffee house will go towards our Salem Reads program and the Leukemia foundation.

Salem Reads will begin this month and the students will have a visit from the author of Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie, Jordan Sonnenblick. The character in the book gets Leukemia, which ties into the fund raiser for the book club.

President's report – Linda Colhoun

A follow-up to our Internet Safety seminar by Sandy Bacik will be held with a live 4 hour online computer demonstration covering parental controls, understanding MySpace and child predators. This seminar is Sat. Feb. 24 from 8:30-12:30 at Salem.

Linda discussed the need to create a nominating committee for next year's PTA Michel Lombana is heading a year-round transition team to understand how year round schools operate their PTA's.

Principal's Report – Mr. Ellzey mentioned he thought the parent meetings regarding year round went well. He said no core teachers were leaving and in fact other teachers had expressed interest in joining Salem to fill the open slots.

The Pennies for Patients drive went well. The student council had a goal of \$2000 and it ended up close to \$4300.

Next meeting will be March 7th at 7:00 in the media center.