

**Royal Oak Middle School PTSA
General Meeting MINUTES
Monday, November 19th, 2012**

Present at the meeting were: MaryAnne VanHaitsma, Rachel Forsyth, Clyde Esbri, Cindy Murphy, David Simpson, Marty Cardamone, Pamela Lemme, ?.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by President MaryAnne VanHaitsma.

President's Report (MaryAnne VanHaitsma):

- Info packets on table with information (minutes, agenda, treasurer's report, etc.)
- 6th grade Social Event—Snowball—will be on Friday, December 14th, from 3:30-5:30PM at school.
- Directory will be available after Thanksgiving Break.
- Project Healthy Schools' kick-off assembly will be Wednesday, November 21st during 3rd hour for all 6th graders.
- Educational Expenses: Teachers have a "grant proposal" form to fill out for funding requests for cultural arts programs, field trips, class supplies, etc. "Birds of Prey" assembly for 7th graders was funded by ROMS PTSA at a cost of \$366.51. Maureen Esther will be doing a presentation for all 6th graders funded by the ROMS PTSA at a cost of \$500 (this program was in last year's budget and paid then). Made a donation of \$1000 for 6th grade camp. 7th grade assembly, "First Emperor of China", is pending approval of a \$900 budget. *Motion by Rachel Forsyth to approve \$900 for the "First Emperor of China" assembly for 7th graders; seconded by Clyde Esbri. Motion approved.* Michael Fowlin will be presenting an anti-bullying program in February, also funded by the PTSA. Pamela Shewchuck is the chair of the Educational Support Programs committee.
- Membership is currently at 532. Jana Ecker won the Hollywood gift certificate, and Lisa Bradford and Julie Cybak each won a pair of tickets to Emagine in the membership drive drawing.
- Teen Nights will begin after Winter Break. Will do two teen nights this school year, open to all Royal Oak (public and private school) 6th through 8th graders. Events will be self-funding. Erin Shaughnessy and Royal Oak Youth Assistance are partnering with ROMS.
- Next ROMS PTSA meeting is December 17th.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the September and October 2012 meetings were presented. *Motion by David Simpson to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Rachel Forsyth. Motion approved.*

Treasurer's Report (MaryAnne VanHaitsma for Julie Cameron): Updated financial report submitted. Report will be filed for audit.

Administrator's Report (David Simpson):

- Permission slips have gone home with all 8th graders to go to the Emagine Theatre to see "Lincoln." Students will be walking to the theatre at 11 Mile and Main Streets. Cost will be \$10/person, which includes ticket, pop, popcorn.
- N(orth)W(est)E(valuation)A(ssessment) testing will begin at the end of November/early December for all students. These are computer-based assessments.
- Online parent survey (emails were sent out) ends on November 22nd. This is part of the AdvancEd school improvement process.
- Student Council elections were held electronically today. Results will be out next week.
- Report Cards are online in student's MiStar profile. End of the year report cards will be mailed home.
- Students raised \$2000 for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. NJHS is sponsoring a canned food drive.

Board Liaison's Report (Marty Cardamone):

- Thank you to the community for their support and passing of the Royal Oak School's Site and Building Sinking Fund and Royal Oak City millage.
- Marty Cardamone was re-elected to the RO School Board.
- Sinking Fund will hit tax bills in Summer 2013. Funds will start being spent in 2013. Building & Site Committee will prioritize building needs.
- OakRidge upgrades will be done in the summer of 2013.
- Technology upgrades, including a fiber ring around city, are being planned/discussed. Working with the city on this project.
- Oakland County Legislative Committee toolkit available for advocacy/legislative action/grassroots advocacy.

New Business:

- (Marty Cardamone and Pamela Lemme): The nomination process for the ROMS PTSA board for 2013-2014 will begin in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Murphy, ROMS PTSA Recording Secretary