

OSWEGATCHIE SCHOOL ORGANIZATION  
April 8, 2008

**Welcome and Introductions** – none

**Principal's Report** – Nancy Macione

Nancy Macione reported the play was a “smashing success”. The Teacher Appreciation lunch was yummy. The spaghetti supper went off without a hitch. All items have been picked up for the Joe Corbi fundraiser. The OAP Committee is in the process of merging the former and new members, with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participating.

**Teacher(s) Introduction and Report** – none

**President's Report** – Sharon Burdsall

Sharon reported she received positive feedback from teachers regarding the Teacher Appreciation lunch; extraordinary amount of donations of food by parents; 2 cold cut platters from BJ's. Teresa Wilensky reported she did not spend \$175 (budgeted) with regard to “small gifts” for the teachers; perhaps the money could be spent at the end of the year, i.e., flowers.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mike Brandt

Mike distributed an updated budget; OSO members reviewed. Tax forms (should be filed by 4/15/08) will be filed late; unsure of penalties and/or interest impact. Mike reported he needed more time to conduct an internal audit prior to submitting the tax returns for the school.

Fundraising Presentations: The following companies presented their fundraising programs to the OSO, with the first company, “Jeanine”: \$400 incentives in lieu of prizes, orders stocked by price of total order, no shipping charges, all orders labeled, online ordering: 40% to Oswegatchie school; profit check mailed to Oswegatchie School the following January; refunds – check directly from the Company; Oswegatchie School would receive 50% proceeds of most items (magazines, etc., 40%). The second company, “Meadows Farm”: no delivery charges, largest retailer in the area, Oswegatchie School would receive 50% proceeds of most items (magazines, etc. 40%), representative “highly recommends” prize incentives for selling; t-shirts would be provided by Meadows Farm based on volume of sales; 3% sign-on bonus if representative receives a verbal confirmation from OSO by May 5<sup>th</sup>. The third fundraising company, “Reader's Digest”, a representative presented their program to the OSO. No doubt that the current economy has impacted sales; 50% (plus 2%) of the profit will go to Oswegatchie School, plus a \$300 cash incentive (regardless if prize incentive program is chosen); the representative proposed that a 15 motivational fundraiser speech (to include a 2-3 minute video) be presented to the students explaining the fundraising program; flyers would be distributed one week prior to the fundraising launch.

## **Officer Nominations**

President:

Amy Noyes nominated Tom Pitasi; seconded by Lee Noyes and Donna Kensel; Tom Pitasi declined the nomination.

Laura Bracket nominated Susan Smith; seconded by Terry Abate; Susan Smith accepted the nomination

Vice President:

Sue Tillinghast nominated Claudia Bouchard; seconded by Susan Smith; Claudia Bouchard declined nomination.

Lee Noyes nominated Tom Pitasi; seconded by Amy Noyes; Tom Pitasi declined nomination.

\*\* Nominations for OSO Vice President not closed.

Secretary:

Amy Noyes nominated Denise Pitasi; seconded by Donna Kensel; Denise Pitasi accepted the nomination. Nominations closed by Scott Kensel; seconded by Teresa Wilensky.

Treasurer:

Lee Noyes nominated Mike Brandt; seconded by Teresa Wilensky; Mike Brandt accepted the nomination. Nominations closed by Lee Noyes; seconded by Scott Kensel.

## **Committee and Event Report**

**Movie Night:** Susan Smith reported that approximately ten children attended the previously held Movie Night; the OSO discussed a better way to approximate future attendance (send “sign up sheet” home in Friday Folders?); \$81 was spent on popcorn (receipt to Mike Brandt). Next movie night scheduled for 4/25/08; Committee is soliciting movie suggestions.

**School Play** – Teresa Wilensky reported all costumes have been removed from the stage; school play “transition” to Suzanne Sturm for next year.

**Spaghetti Supper** – Scott Kensel reported that approximately \$400 was spent; Scott thanked all of the volunteers; the kitchen staff needs to be paid; approximate \$2,090 revenue/net. Scott reported that the Committee will, next year, look for ways to push sales in a different direction (pre-buy program); Claudia Bouchard will be writing and mailing thank-you notes to helpers and sponsors.

**Playground Committee** - Alan Wilensky reported that he talked to the building committee about the lack of playground space; after all of the wells are dug, the fence may be moved back and perhaps (temporarily) wood chips will cover the playground area. Nancy Macione reported that she purchased board games at Benny's for playground activities (spent approximately \$139); teachers have brainstormed and developed activities for the students to "sign up"; the gaga pit scheduled to be installed next week.

**Bingo Night** – Laura Brackett reported that ten families have signed up; door prize baskets (put together by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes) and gift cards will be available at Bingo Night; a reminder notice about Bingo Night to be distributed to the students.

**Field Day** – to be held at Waterford Beach on June 6<sup>th</sup>; students will be bussed from school to the beach and students scheduled to depart the beach at 1:45 p.m.; the following awards will be handed out when students return to school: (1) Perfect Attendance; (2) the Lori Swanson award; and (3) the Good Citizen Award; June 11<sup>th</sup> rain date; for those students who participate in pre-paid hot lunch program, a brown bag lunch will be provided; OSO will discuss Field Day further at next meeting.

**Bike for Bread** – Allison Moger did not attend OSO meeting; no report.

**Fundraising** – Terry Abate

Fundraising chairperson needed for next year.

Joe Corbi wrap-up – Terry reported all orders have been picked up; this event raised over \$1,200.

In Door Yard Sale – Denise Pitasi reported that she received only seven responses to the In Door Yard Sale solicitation; fundraising event not going forward this year.

Defenders Game – May 21<sup>st</sup> – Sharon Burdsall reported that 150 tickets will be available; Oswegatchie student to throw first pitch.

**New Business/Old Business**

Halloween Howl – Chairperson needed; job description to be created from input from Tracy Cavalieri and Kristine Gigliotti.

Spring Concert – wonderful job.

Boom – Alan Wilensky reported that the microphone boom (friction clamps) has failed; will need to purchase a new one soon; Mike Brandt made to the motion to spend \$25 to fix the boom; motion seconded by Susan Smith.

Meeting adjourned 8:56 p.m.