**PTA Meeting May 8, 2012**

**22 people in attendance**

**“Bowman Writes” Literary Magazine: Laura Swain**

* Ms. Selhub has asked for parents to assist 4th graders during their lunch time in producing magazine.
* Genevieve Davy, Anne Kubik, Avigail Ganz, Laura Swain have volunteered
* First issue is a pilot and so far has 4-5 submissions
* If we get more, we’ll make it into a magazine but right now it may be more like a newspaper. Plan is to sell it if it’s a magazine, or give it away if it’s a newspaper.
* Timing is tight so this year keeping it a smaller scale project but hope is to expand it next year
* May 14th is deadline for submissions.
* Best if story is submitted already typed.
* If artwork submitted with story or poem, parent has to scan in artwork and email to Ms. Selhub.
* Question Laura has is on pricing…. Should we use the Lexington Public Schools printer? Very inexpensive. Swifty is $3.50 per copy.

**Bowman in Bloom: Colleen Smith**

* Committee: Colleen Smith, Cathy Swan, Kerry Hart, Moira Logan, Anne McCurdy, Betsy Wlkinson, Beth Briggs, Carrie Pitts, Florencia Donaghy
* Big Success! 120 people attended
* Venue was easy and great…. Able to set up day before which was so helpful
* Birdhouses went over well, kids loved seeing their work on display the week before the event.
* People’s comments were that auction items were very unique this year
* Raised more money this year than last time.
* Gift card tree was very popular
* Expenses were low…about $2600 – knights of Columbus donated the hall, Bowman family owns a restaurant that donated the food. Two Bowman parents emceed the live auction.
* Parties went over very well…Pedicure Party – made $1000, Hockey Party – 18 kids, made $1700 , Cooking Party made $900, Still some spots open for Lynn McGraw’s *Mama’s and Tapa’s* - $30/person.
* Money Brought in by item:
* Teacher Time - $2,000
* Gift Cards – $1500
* Birdhouses – $1700
* Parties – $4400
* All other auction items – just under $12,000

**Budget Update: Betsy Wilkinson**

* We’re on target this year to meet our budget and expenses. PTA has been very generous with purchases. Some examples are:
  + In-focus Machines
  + Financial assistance for field trips
  + New rugs for k-3 classrooms.
* We can spend Box Tops proceeds on things like software, laptop stands, mice, etc, but not on capital technology purchases like iPads or laptops.
* From our general funds we do spend approximately $2,500 (as limited by School Committee) on capital technology purchases each year.

**5K Road Race: Jennifer Velis**

* Lisa O’Brien and Anne Kubik in charge
* Run will be around Bowman and through trails behind the school
* Probably in November 2012

**Fall Fair: Flo Donaghy**

* Avram Baskin and Vivek Gupta have volunteered to be in charge of the Fall Fair.
* Right now date is Sunday, October 7, 2012

**International Festival: Passport to the World: Marilyn Sommers**

* Marilyn Sommers, Jennifer Lawrence, Laurie Buchta co-chairs along with Victoria Campos and Una Gillis at Bridge
* Joint Venture with Bridge, Friday Night, March 15th at Lexington High School
* Student and other entertainment will be in auditorium at the High School.

**Jennifer Velis**

* We want o try and hold as many of our events as possible at Bowman
* To do this means, we’ll hold a number of events on Sundays.

**Board Positions** *(Filled and still needing to be filled):* **Flo Donaghy**

* *Stop and Shop* – Emily Ferman will work with Leslie Sherman
* *Target Card Program* and *One Cause* –(click and shop, donate % back to school depending on which sites you use) Stacy Hamilton
* *Gift Wrap* -Allyson Whyte
* *Bowman Fair* – Avram Baskin, Vivek Gupta
* *Craft Fair* – Need one more person, Stella Park and Lisa Giersbiech
* *Math Night* – Laura Swain, Genevieve Davy, Sonal Gupta
* *Yes Club* – need 4th grade parents to volunteer
* *Kids Cooking Green* – Karin Gehring
* *Safe Routes to School* – Need someone
* *Box Tops* – Nancy Elander
* Educational Garden – need someone
* Variety Show – Jen Vogelzang, need additional person
* School Pictures – Wendy Bertsekas

**Betsy Wilkinson**

* Everyone should know that if there’s ever a student that can’t participate in an event for financial reasons, there is support available to help make it happen. Family can go to Dr. Anton or Beth Glick and it’s completely anonymous.

**PTA Website: Beth Briggs**

* We’re testing online PTA membership and directory pages on the website. Hope is to go paperless in the Fall for the most part.

**Staff Appreciation Week: Ann Franciskovich (Karin Gehring, Shelley Moeller)**

* Will take place the week after Memorial Day
* Coffee Delivery Day is Wed May 30th
* Giving out nice tote bags to the teachers
* Friday is the staff acknowledgement day…parents thank classroom teachers by bringing in flowers or poems or written notes to teachers, etc…
* Teacher Luncheon on June 7th… same day as moving on ceremony

**2nd grade Pedestrian Training: Caroline Goldstein**

* First week in June
* Need parent volunteers

**Mini Grant: Jennifer Velis/ Flo Donaghy**

* 2nd grade teachers requesting.
* Two additional word study and math programs are being used in the primary grades. Require organization beyond file cabinets and ziplock bags. Pendaflex plastic folders will fit well into hanging file folders and filer folder recepticals and organizers. Cost is $550.
* Mini Grant Request was approved by meeting attendees.