**PTA Meeting 10/9/12**

Held at Christina Lin-Butler’s house

24 attendees were at the meeting

**Jennifer Velis/Flo Donaghy (Co-Presidents):**

* Thank you to Kathleen and Beth for hosting the *New Families Coffee*
* 91 new families at Bowman
* 12 people came
* Room Parents are asked to let Beth/Kathleen know if there’s a new student in your child’s class incase they haven’t been notified.
* Will have another new family coffee in March

**Membership Update**

***Betsy Wilkinson(Treasurer):***

* 103 families joined the PTA using paper form
* 141 families joined via Paypal
* 244 joined in total so far
* 9 staff members have joined to date
* Have to be a PTA member to be on the board
* Have to be a PTA member to vote

**Fifth Grade Activities**

* $2,200 collected for 5th grade activities already which is higher than last year

**Budget Update**

* We’re having a little bit more of a leaner year this year with not as many fund raisers, mainly due to the construction at school but also because of the plan to only hold our Bowman Auction every other year.
* Discussion of the layout of the budget sheets and that the first two pages show what our general funds are ….what we collect and what that money pays for.
* In addition, yearly expenses are things that happen each year and they have their own line item…. White books for 3rd grade, Big Back Yard, Adventure Run, etc…
* This year the PTA is buying rugs for grades 4 and 5 and the music room. Last year we purchased rugs for the Kindergarten through grade 3 classrooms.
* This year we’re also buying shelving for 15 classrooms. This will probably happen again next year for classrooms that aren’t completed this year.
* Discussion of how certain events listed in the budget are *fund raisers* and some are only *community events*…. They pay for themselves and aren’t intended to make money.
* Activities Paid for by *Act* 
  + LEF Trivia team
  + BSO buses
  + National Geographic Big Map
  + Music/Art Professional Development
  + Performance Expenses
  + Museum of Science Traveling Program
* Budget will need to be approved. Once approved it will be available for anyone who wants to see it. Usually posted in glass box in front lobby but will posted on wall instead in lobby area.

**Gift Wrap Update**

***Moira Logan (Fund Raising Chairperson):***

* Over $3,300 in profits

**Adventure Run**

***Lisa O’brien***

* October 28th- 11:00 am
* 5k run
* cost is $5.00 per family
* $20 to register for a bib (chip system chip in the bib)
* We’re using Dunback Meadows- single track making it a little more complex – conservation commission has given permission and are being very accommodating and helpful and have done some repair to signs on trail.
* Focusing on Bowman Community… hoping for 150-200 runners as a first time for holding the event.
* Fun Run – starts at 11:05 ¾ mile loops in front of Bowman and on Philip Rd.
* Costumes if you want
* Rain or shine
* School will be open for access to bathrooms
* Meghan Teaque will be photographer
* Write up will go in the Minute Man
* Volunteers still needed
  + For spotters
  + Donations of food
    - Need energy bars
    - fruit
    - bagels
  + MC to get crowd enthusiastic
  + Tents
* Help with decorations
* Kate Ekrem did a great job with advertising in the Broadside!
* Maura Fiske has offered a water station in front of her house

**LEF Trivia Bee**

***Laurie Buchta***

* November 14th
* $375 per team
* Bowman has one team so far.
* We’ve had 3 teams in the past
* Looking for two more teams and we also want parent teams

**Craft Fair**

***Stella Park/Christina Lin-Butler/Lisa Giersbach***

* Sunday Dec 2nd 2:00 -5:00
* Probably won’t be selling pizza due to time of day
* Crafter registration forms on line, listed under Community Building link on Bowman PTA Website
* Might need tables but will see how many are available from school

**Fall Fair Rescheduling**

***Avram Baskin***

* He would like to try and reschedule it for the Spring
* Pro’s and Cons to that time of year….We would need to consider another location in case of rain since we can’t be inside at Bowman.
* People may not want to go to another school, they come to Bowman because it’s their school thus turnout may not be so great.
* Avram will look at other options for where to hold it.
* Chance of Bowman gymnasium being available in the fall and if that’s the case, we would be better off holding it in the fall and having it at Bowman.

**Chess Club**

***Jennifer Velis/ Sue Offsey/Carol Cayor -Mead, Yana Chris***

* Mary has given the ok to start chess club.
* Options are morning or Thursday after school
* Might do two different sessions to accommodate large number of kids
* Might have a beginner group and an intermediate group
* Sign up Genius for signing up
* Payment will be by check

\*Update - total number of kids registered =86, 43 in the fall and 43 in the spring

**Important Dates**

* October 15- Parent Coffee 8:45
* Conference Days coming up Wednesdays October 24th and October 31st half days
* Tuesday November 6th – Election Day, no school