

## **Ames PTA Meeting Minutes November 2, 2012**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2012 PTA meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Lisa Hennelly announced that the 2012 Ames Directories are completed and will be delivered today. Much thanks to Kim Marrero for compiling the Directories!

### **Teacher's Report, Mrs. Jane Lauritsen -**

- Mrs. Lauritsen encouraged everyone to attend the Ames Veteran's Day program to be held on November 9th at 1:30 p.m. Students from all classes will be singing for the Veterans and attendees.
- Ms. Allen's fourth grade class recited the poem, "Veteran's Day" by Cheryl Dyson under the leadership of Mrs. Lauritsen.
- Mrs. Lauritsen also announced that the District 96 4th and 5th grade choir will be performing at the Riverside Holiday Stoll on November 30th.
- The Hauser Band/Orchestra/Choir concert will be held on December 6th at 7:00 pm in the Hauser auditorium.
- The Ames K-3 Winter Concert will be held on December 17th at 7:00 in the Ames gymnasium.

### **Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi -**

- Principal Lieggi reviewed the Ames ISAT scores for 2012. Our scores in each grade are outstanding, with 96.5% of all third, fourth and fifth graders meeting or exceeding expectations. The Ames ISAT success is based in part on the consistency in curriculum at each grade level. The Ames Leadership Team also works continually to improve the academic achievement at Ames.
- Additional copies of the ISAT results are available in the Ames office.
- Report cards will go home on November 16th and the results of MAP and ISAT testing will be included in the report card envelope.
- Principal Lieggi also announced that since Ames School is a polling place, on November 6, 2012 voting will take place in the lunch room. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms on that day.

### **Treasurer's Report, Tracey Stanard -**

Tracey Stanard distributed copies of the current Ames PTA budget. The current budget is balanced and can be viewed on the Ames PTA website.

### **Officer's Report, Co-Presidents Lisa Hennelly and Deanna Rosenbaum -**

- Ames PTA currently has 119 members.
- Lisa Hennelly announced that an Ames representative is still needed for the District 96 Global Language Committee. Elizabeth Kos graciously volunteered to be on the committee.

- Lisa Hennelly also mentioned that Karen Nishemora is the Ames representative for the District 96 Quest committee and Gelse Tkalec is the Ames representative for the District 96 Committee to review Special Education policies and curriculum.
- The Halloween Windows program was very successful and fun this year. Thank you to Elizabeth Kos for organizing.
- Movie Night will be held Friday, November 2nd. The doors open at 6:30 and we will be screening Madagascar III.
- Lisa Hennelly stated that the PTA Reflections entries are due by November 26th. Reflections is a national artistic competition run by the National PTA. Entries are judged statewide. Guidelines for participation are available on the Ames PTA website. Please contact Nancy Moyer with any questions.
- Lisa Hennelly thanked Susan Georgopoulos for organizing Grandparent's Day this year. Everyone had a wonderful time!
- The date of the Ames Family Dance has been changed due to a conflict with the Riverside Holiday Stroll. The new date is Friday, January 25th. All are encouraged to attend this new Ames event.

#### **Fundraising Report, Lisa Swicionis -**

- Lisa Swicionis related that the Spirit Wear sale went well. Over 100 orders were placed and \$300.00 was raised.
- Market Day continues to be a great success. The children are enthusiastically giving to the "Pennies for Pies" program and we have raised over 80 pies to give to charity.
- Innisbrook orders will be available for pick-up before the Thanksgiving break.
- Remember to deliver your Box Tops for Education to the front office in increments of ten. We have currently raised \$381.00.
- An Election Day Bake Sale will be held November 6th.
- Square One order forms will be available soon and the merchandise will be delivered before the holiday season. Orders can be placed online if desired, and the new art teacher, Ms. Klaus, is helping the students create wonderful art for this fundraiser.
- The Chicago Steel game will be held on November 16th. Everyone is encouraged to order tickets for this fun night out.
- The store Five Below has offered a fundraising opportunity to the Ames PTA. This applies to the Countryside location only, and on specific dates in December, Five Below will donate 10% of all purchases made by Ames families to the PTA. A specific Five Below form will be needed to participate. Details will be available soon on Feedblitz and the Ames PTA website.