

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2013

A motion was made to approve the PTA meeting minutes from the February 1, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Officer's Report, Co-Presidents Lisa Hennelly and Deanna Hall –

- Deanna Hall reported that the Ames Science Fair Committee requested an additional \$350.00 for their budget in order to provide science related entertainment for the entire school at the Science Fair. Previously, the committee was able to find free entertainment but this year that was not possible. A motion was made to approve the increase. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved.
- Deanna Hall also requested that anyone with fundraising ideas for the 2013-14 school year feel free to share those ideas with Lisa Swicionis.
- Donuts With Dads will be held on April 4th and volunteers are still needed. Please contact Michelle Black if you are interested.

Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Principal Lieggi discussed the outbreak of flu at Ames this year. Each night the entire school is disinfected including railings. Principal Lieggi asked Ames nurse Jeanie Duffy to discuss flu prevention.
- Jeanie Duffy RN, suggested that parents remind children to wash their hands frequently and to avoid touching their

faces. She also requested that parents keep their children out of school for 24 hours if they are sick.

- Principal Lieggi stated that ISAT testing will take place the week of March 11th and requested that parents send their children to school well rested and well fed. The children can also bring healthy snacks to school this week.
- The PUMPED celebration scheduled for today, March 8th, will be postponed due to the flu outbreak.
- Report Cards will go home with the students today.
- The Science Fair will be held on March 14, 2013 and is organized by Serena Ranft and Ms. Allen.
- Artist In Residence, Kevin Olis, will be at Ames the week of April 1st – 5th. He will lead the students in creating a new sculpture of Ames students to be displayed in the hallway near the gym.
- Ames Talent Show Auditions will be held on April 23rd and 24th.

Fundraising Report, Lisa Swicionis –

- Lisa Swicionis reported that the Spring Spirit Wear participation was low and might not be offered next year.
- Mixed Bag sales end Friday, March 15th. Samples of the merchandise are available to view in the front lobby.
- Market Day continues to do well with more families purchasing this year than last year.
- On Saturday, March 6th the Flying High Fundraiser for Ames will take place from 7:30 to 10:30. Parents can drop off their children for an evening of fun-filled gymnastics.
- The Ames Brick Paver Program will be offered again this year. The cost is \$100.00 per brick and each brick can be

personalized. The money raised will go toward purchasing new mats for the gym.

- The Ames Fall Auction will take place on November 15, 2013 and will be held at the Riverside Golf Club again. All are encouraged to volunteer. More details will be available soon and those interested in volunteering can contact Lisa Swicionis.

Treasurer's Report, Tracy Stanard –

- Tracy Stanard reported that the Ames PTA budget is running below budget on several activities. The extra money available from the Family Dance can be put toward the additional funds needed for the Science Fair.
- Field trip expenditures are beginning and are reflected in the current budget which is also available online.

Cultural Arts and Education Report, Flavio Gonzalez –

- Flavio Gonzalez announced that artist Kevin Olis will be at Ames April 1st – 5th and any parents interested in volunteering should contact him.
- On April 19th “The Wright Stuff” will be presented at Ames at 1:00 pm.

The presentation of the 2013-2014 PTA Board slate was announced and is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Deanna Hall and Lisa Swicionis

Vice President Cultural Arts and Education: Flavio Gonzalez

Vice President Fundraising: Kristin Evans

Vice President Hospitality: Lisa Carlson

Vice President Room Representatives: Maureen Dvorak

Secretary: Stephanie Hart

Treasurer: Tracy Stanard

RAIN Update, Gelse Tkalec –

- Gelse Tkalec announced that “Riverside Rocks for Ethan”, a fundraiser for the disease GAN, will be held on April 19th at the Riverside Village Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There will be a DJ, photo booth and games. The event will be district-wide. Pizza will be available for purchase and there will also be a raffle. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please plan to attend!

Deanna Hall announced that the candidates for the District 96 School Board will be speaking at Ames after the PTA meeting at 9:30 am. All are encouraged to stay after the meeting and attend.