

Hunterdon Central Project Graduation Meeting

January 18, 2010

Prior to the start of the meeting, Cindy Young of Silpada Jewelry Designs gave a short presentation on using the sale of her jewelry as a fundraiser. She would donate 70% of her profits from whatever sales are made. Options for selling the jewelry would be: to sell the jewelry at the Comedy Night event (she would bring jewelry samples and have catalogs and order forms available); have a house party or just do catalog sales. The sale period would be no longer than 2-3 weeks.

Janine Purcaro called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Motion approved to waive the reading of the November minutes.

Treasurer's Report-Joanne Rainforth-There is currently \$36,500.00 in the treasury. We started with \$21,000.00 from last year. If at the end of the year we leave the balance at zero, we would need an additional \$10,000.00 in revenue. Last year, the committee started with 30,000.00 and ended with \$21,000.00. If we do not earn that additional \$10,000.00, there will be nothing to leave for next year's class. This leads to the question of "What is the future of Project Graduation?" There is a shortage of business donations and we have not received the donation from the Municipal Alliance at this time. Currently \$4,500.00 was received through the cash raffle and hopefully sales of the tickets will increase in February and March.

Advisors' Report-Katie Kelly-The bus company has received the deposit of \$2,000.00. We will pay the balance of \$8,725.00 in May. There are 10 busses reserved, each bus holds 56 people. We are budgeted for 640 students. Dave and Busters have received a deposit of \$3,000.00 and we will pay the balance of \$34,000.00. There is a possibility of raising the price of the tickets if we do not have enough revenue. That decision will be made by the time Comedy Night takes place. **Ann Mahon** stated that there may not be a Project Graduation next year. There are no teacher advisors stepping in to replace Ann and Katie, there is a lack of parental involvement and not enough revenue coming in. If the program is to continue, it could be set up as separate parent run organization like a booster club or students can pay full price for tickets should they wish to attend. There have been no final decisions made yet.

Vice President's Report-Jane Roosa-the 50/50 license has been approved for Comedy Night.

Business Donations-Jamie Shultz has been trying to reach Jan Kelly for the list of business donation and has not heard back but will keep trying.

Gifts-Last year the gifts cost approximately \$10,000.00. After discussion it was decided to omit the gifts this year. There are 100 blankets left from last year which we can sell at Comedy Night for \$15.00 each.

Cash Raffle-Laura Millen-There is still money coming in from the mailing. There are two time slots available to sell more tickets, January 22nd and 23rd at the Flemington Department Store from 11-4 and also February 19th and 20th at Shop Rite of Flemington from 8am to 5pm. Laura took names of volunteers who offered to help out. If anyone needs more tickets or can assist on either of those weekends please get in touch with her.
Laura.Millen@coldwellbankermoves.com

Fashion Show-Janine thanked Lisa MacDade and Claudia Jursik for the great job they did with the fashion show and all volunteers were thanked for their hard work. It was a wonderful event. 339 people attended and Razberry's was very accommodating.

Comedy Night-Jane Roosa- Comedy Night will be held February 25th. Current ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. The pre-show will include entertainment provided by Hunterdon Central Students, Luke DiMuro, Paige Chaplin, Megan Keetz and the Bare to the Right band. Sponsorship is currently at \$700.00 and more are coming in. Sponsor sheets are available and 3 different size ads can be sold. Denise will be creating the program. There will be a Program Cover Competition and the winner will receive 2 free tickets to Comedy Night. Program deadline is February 7th. Ticket Production is being handled by Pat Murphy and Alicia Dominiguez. Ticket sales will begin the week of the show and will be sold during unit lunches and also at the box office. They can also be sold during the Back to School Night. Tickets will be available to the PG committee at the next meeting.

Publicity-Renee Kiruluk-Hill-Newspapers, list serve, posters, and a video by students.

50/50-Renee Kiruluk-Hill

Music Chairperson-Lisa DiMuro

If any vendors are interested in selling their items, please contact Jane Roosa at janertomk@comcast.net the committee prefers to get a percentage of sales.

TD Bank Fundraiser-Jill Kovach-Presently we have 51 people signed up out of the 80 people needed in order for a percentage to be donated to PG. A percentage of all of the balances in everyone's' accounts will be donated. There will be TD Bank representative at Comedy Night to promote this fundraiser.

Sticky Fly-Renee-Kirulik-Hill-This fundraising competition will be held in March. Students from all classes purchase duct tape for \$1.00 and use it to stick a selected person to a wall (Chris Steffner has volunteered).

5-K Run-Janinie spoke to Coach John DeLisle about what this event entails. He has offered the coaches and their teams to volunteer to assist. 20-30 volunteers are needed on race day. (Job assignments include, water tables, pointers on the course, prizes, tents, food, MC, timers, t-shirts for the first 200 registrants) Deer Path Park and Spruce Run are venue options. The event could be publicized on Runners World, USATF, Track and Field websites, newspapers, Princeton Running Company, Runners Pace in Bedminster and Sneakers Plus. Cost could be \$20.00 per person, pre sale and \$25.00 on race day. Corporate sponsors are also encouraged as well as getting the course UTF certified. An on sight ambulance is needed. Other optional items are trophies, live music, activities for children such as face painting; photographer. Pretzel City Sports is a business that could handle the timing of runners. It will cost \$1500.00 to \$2,000.00 to run this event. We could break even if 75-100 people register. Possible dates are April 3rd or 9th. Janine will get contacts from other parents and determine if we are able to hold this event successfully.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting-February 8, 2011

