

**Southeast PTO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 4, 2013**

**Members in Attendance:** Cyndi Wells, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Jana MacDonald, Erin Christopher, Diane Hutton, Lena Rossi, Celine, Gwen Schneider, Esther Soffer Roberts, Noreen Halbrooks, Celine Demers, Jennifer Mott,

**Meeting was called to order at 7:06**

**Agenda:**

Kate Donnoly came to speak about the Neighbor to Neighbor energy challenge ([ctenergychallenge.com](http://ctenergychallenge.com)). It is a non-profit program whose mission is to help reduce energy consumption and encourage the use of sustainable resources.

They offer a Home Energy Solutions (HES) Assessment (cost: \$75-\$99). They evaluate your home for energy efficiency, do weather stripping, air sealing and provide up to 40 CFLs. They may also give you other recommendations regarding how you can make your home more energy efficient. Currently, there are great rebates and financing available for insulation, furnaces, etc., but you must get an HES assessment done first.

This is also a great time to consider solar energy ([ctcleanenergy.com/solarhome](http://ctcleanenergy.com/solarhome)). Mansfield residents have the potential to get a group rate. There is also 30% tax credit from the federal government. You must sign up before July.

The PTO would like to become a member of the Neighbor to Neighbor program. For every person that signs up and follows through with a HES assessment, Southeast school will get \$25.

**President / Vice President's Report** (Cyndi Wells):

Noreen will hold a game night Friday, 2/22 from 6:30-7:30 in the multi-purpose room. Please bring a game to share.

Erin has organized a free skate at the Mark Freitas Ice Forum. It will be held on Saturday, 3/2 from 2:30-3:30. The skate rental is \$5. Helmets are strongly recommended. Food donations will be accepted.

Celine and Lena will coordinate the Munson's fundraiser.

Cyndi will check with Jess to see who is organizing butter braids.

Julie Campbell will send home more information about the Mabel's Labels fundraiser.

Lena organized a kid's consignment sale last week. There were 13 sellers and the PTO raised about \$180. Any remaining items that have not been picked up will be donated to the PTO tag sale. We like the fact that this sale goes with our green / recycling initiative, but it took a lot of time to organize and it was not very busy. Perhaps we will hold in April or May of next year, or with the tag sale.

Cyndi will ask Mrs. Irvine for pictures of enrichment activities so people know where the PTO money goes.

The school building project is not going to referendum. The Town Council will have a meeting with the Board of Education to see where they should go from here.

Jess Higham needs help getting the citrus to the school once it is delivered. We may ask Jean Johnson to use her truck.

**Secretary's Report** (Jana MacDonald):

Cyndi Wells made a motion to accept the January minutes (with edits).  
Erin Christopher seconded it.

**Treasurer's Report** (Gwen Sgro):

(see report on PTO board)

The PTO purchased about 4-5 books for Stories for Southeast in honor of Marie Liebman's son.

Celine Demers made the motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report  
Noreen Halbrooks seconded the motion.

**Principal's Report** (Norma Fisher-Doiron):

Tonight we had a Parent's Hour on the Big Y Nu-Val system. Nu-Val is a food rating system that we will be implementing in our school through a grant.

Parent's Hours have not been very well attended. There were also very few responses to the survey that Cyndi sent out to the parents. Apparently parents don't like to spend another evening out, unless kids can attend. There will be no parent's hour in March.

There is a volunteer banquet coming up in March. Norma will meet with Cyndi to see who might like to attend.

March is nutrition month. We will provide vegetables and fruits for snack. Big Y also mentioned that they might be able to donate the produce.

Kids for Kids Pajama Day raised almost \$500 for CCMC. It was a great day for a good cause.

There will be no school on February 18-19.

The Trestle Tree will be at Southeast beginning on 2/25.

Progress Reports will go out on 3/8.

**Other business:**

**PTO fund requests**

Ms. Carr K,1,2 – Theatre Works Martha Speaks (5/23)

Grade 4 - Civil War (4/29)

Grade 4 – guest speaker Louanne Cooley (March) Native American use of leather

Grade 3- science center

**Southeast Network:** Nothing to report

**Valentines:** The teachers usually send home a class list. Next year, we would like to have one school directory which parents can choose to join. This is how you will be able to contact your kid's friends for play dates, birthday parties, etc.

Patti was checking with G&B photography regarding our missing class pictures.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Jana MacDonald, secretary

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