

**PTO MEETING**  
**November 14, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Tracy Duprey	Pam Romanowski
Tina Journeay	Renee LeClerc
Lisa Linnehan	Heather Roche
Susan Karalias	Michele Fisher
Jen Marden	Susan Poor
Karen Bakhilder	Sharon Pellerin
Patty Massina	Sue Freeman
Judy Kroner	Sharon Pacenka
Anne Rundle	Sara O'Bara
Tracy McCarthy	Rob Harrison

**Meeting started: 7:04 pm**

1. Breakfast with Santa: Scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> 9am to 11am at Sweetsir School
2. Treasurer's Report: We saw an increase in the three fundraisers we have had since school started – thank you to all who participated. Tracy B. does have some concerns about the budget and the ability of the PTO to cover expenses with that we are proposing to cut appropriations in half (10,000 to 5,000 per year) with the possibility of increasing it in the fall. VOTE was taken to cut the appropriations in ½ and use \$2,500 for the December allotment; everyone was in favor. Another VOTE was taken to cut Cultural Arts in ½ with understanding to amend in the spring; everyone was in favor.
3. Principals: Rob: The sixth grade class had an assembly with the “Pharos Woman,” this was sponsored by the PTO and it corresponds with what they are learning in Social Studies. Kathy Terceiro is in charge of Student Council this year and they have been busy coming up with different themes for each month. They are planning a float for the Santa Parade, as well as fitness activities for the school.

Patty: Sweetsir School has started a Read – A – Thon to help with funding for a school wide reading room. Patty would also like to see some type of monthly fitness program happen at Sweetsir, but a coordinator is needed.

4. Boxtops/Heidi Voulgaris: We made approximately \$843.00 with our October mailing! Nice job everyone, keep sending in those BOXTOPS!
5. Fundraiser/Dee Brown: There are still items on the stage at Sweetsir to pick up, please stop by and get them! We did see an increase in sales this year, thank you everyone.
6. Harvest Festival/Dyan Reinhold: Everyone was very impressed with how organized the event was – great job to everyone involved! We also saw an increase in sales this year!
7. Square 1 Art/Sue Freeman: Today was the day for pick up at Sweetsir, we also have a lot of products left on the stage, please swing by and get them! We had 120 tiles that were donated to Sweetsir, as well as, an increase in sales this year. Thank you all.
8. Sponsor A Classroom/Sharon Pacenka: The forms went out in the mail and

- everyone should have received them today, now it's just wait and see.
9. After School Exploration/Lisa Linnehan: The CORI problem is all taken care of and Lisa is still looking for help!
  10. Student Directory/Tracy Duprey: We had some problems with the data base which have been solved. All forms need to be in by Friday and hopefully the directories will be out by the end of the month.
  11. Holiday Helper Program: Tracy Duprey explained what it is and that it is a community effort, with that, the PTO usually donates clothing and Tracy will look into it.
  12. Spring Auction/Tracy Duprey: This will take place Friday March 14, 2008 at Zorvino Vineyards. We are looking at a price of \$25 per ticket which will include food and entertainment by the Pentucket Jazz Band. Save the date and look for more information to come.
  13. Craft & Vendor Night/Jen Marden, Sara O'Bara: So far they have 36 vendors and are looking forward to a good night!
  14. Yearbook Supplement: The Chair people found that only ¼ of the kids picked up their supplement, this is a huge waste of money and they were looking for ideas as to other options. It was discussed and decided that it will be ordered when the 6<sup>th</sup> graders order their yearbook and if they want it they will have to pay for it.
  15. Turkey Trot Looking For Volunteers: Deb Demulle is working on this with the help of the Student Council as well as other wellness programs throughout the year at Donaghue. They are looking for volunteers to walk with the kids at recess around Donaghue School on Monday, November 19; anyone interested should get in touch with Mrs. Terceiro. Along this line Michele Fisher would like to start the same type of program over at Sweetsir and is willing to help anyone out who is interested.
  16. Winter Movie Nights/Tracy Duprey: Doesn't have the time to hold a movie night in December will schedule them for January and February any suggestions on G rated movies let her know.
  17. Candy Bar Fundraiser/ Tracy Duprey: Tracy explained what it was and passed around a sample of the design and explained that 20% of the profit goes to the school. The cost of the candy bar is \$1.50 and they can be ordered in any amount you want. Everyone agreed to hold the fundraiser.
  18. Appropriations: The PTO Members present at this meeting approved 3 requests for a total of \$1,122.58. All items purchased will go towards helping our kids throughout both Merrimac Elementary Schools.

**Meeting adjourned 8:20pm**