

Link, Inc. Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2011

Attendees: Maureen Norvold, Carol Bradley, Robert Banaski, Cyndy Bredbenner, Denise Fleming, Melissa DiFonzo, Beverly Holyoke, Suzanne Clisham, Lynda Murphy, Liz Bagshaw, Valerie Muldoon, Robin Berry, Irena Dorogi, Angela Yildiz and Amy Cummings (notes).

Meeting started at 7:04 p.m.

Will review November minutes at January 5th meeting unable to print.

Administrative Report-Carol Bradley

- Fall Cultural Show will be Friday December 2nd at 1:30 p.m.
- Movie Night at BMS was a huge success.
- Anti-Bullying training for all school employees will be held Friday December 9th in the afternoon that is why the students have a ½ day of school.
- Report Cards go out on Friday December 9th.

Financial Report-Angela Yildiz

Balance in Account as of 12/1/11	\$ 6,459.74
Less: Outstanding Checks	\$ 300.00
Less: Encumbered Debt	\$ 2,427.35
Total Available Funds	\$ 3,841.39

Request for Funds-None

Grants-Robin Berry

- Target Grant-will submit in March.
- Should know in January what amount Link may receive from the Berlin Cultural Council.

Old Business

- **Box Tops**-Maureen N. advised us that we should be receiving \$339.00 from Box Tops for BMS. Check should arrive sometime in January. Also discussed maybe having Box Top War between classes or grades and whoever brings in the most gets a reward. Will discuss more.
- **Clothing Drive**-Maureen N. said we probably made around \$300.00 from clothing drive. Will get a final amount from the company in the next week or two.
- **Movie Night**-Around 28 children attended movie night at BMS. It was suggested to start the movie a little earlier like 6:30p.m. Talked about asking BJ's if they might donate to BMS a popcorn machine to use at future movie nights, Lip Sync and at Old Home Day.

New Business

- **Cultural Show for Spring**-Rob Suret will do a 60 minute program for the children. Cost is \$1900 plus \$1.18 per mile and he will be coming from Andover, MA. Mr. Suret's office recommended we contact Kohl's customer service dept. about a grant called the Care Program that was used to fund his show in the past by previous schools.
- **After School Field Hockey**-A concern was brought up by MJ regarding the after school field hockey program for grades 3-6. MJ has done this program in the past and wished someone had come to her to see if she wanted to run the after school program. Decided that MJ and Deb D. should talk over this concern.

- **Worcester Sharks-\$11.00** per ticket can add extra to that amount to fundraise for Link if interested. Will look into dates for this.
- **After School Tennis Program**-It will be held Wednesday and Friday afternoon for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders for 4 weeks. The program for the older children will be held the last week in January.
- **Curriculum Night**-Will check into seeing how many parents would be interested in BMS Curriculum Night. Suggested sending out a sign-up sheet and parents would have to RSVP if attending. Motion: to set aside \$700.00 for Curriculum Night if needed-Voted approved unanimous.
- **Bicentennial Ideas**-It was suggested that BMS have a small float in the parade. Will discuss further.

Open Floor Items

- Discussed future dates for Movie Night-January 20th, February 10th and March 16th.
- **Horse Education**-Maybe have an after school program going over education about horses. Melissa will give contact number to Dorothy to call and get more information about this after school program.
- After School Cooking Class at Tahanto. Ornella Quinn wanted to open the class up to BMS 5th and 6th graders but realized after that Tahanto students get out at 2:15p.m. and BMS students don't get out until 3:05p.m. So this wouldn't work at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.