

## EVANS ELEMENTARY HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

**DATE:** 11/11/09

**LOCATION:** Evans Elementary Media Center

**ATTENDEES (based on sign in sheet):**

Sheri Barberini

Jacqueline Clarke Havrilla

Sue Coyne

Nicole Jones

Jennifer Kelly

Marianne Leidelmeyer

Kathy Mandracchia

Wendy Monte

Lorraine Moyer

Cathy Tumelty

Beth Vallone

Jen Wolfe

Becky Zajac

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Call to order 7:07 pm

**Guest Presentation – SNAP (Jean Lare):**

**SNAP (Students Need an Alternate Party)** got its start five years ago when a group of concerned SFASD parents felt the need to provide high school students a way to safely enjoy their post-prom evening. This post-prom party is FREE to all Spring-Ford students who attend the prom and register to stay for this event, which runs from 11 pm – 5 am. In May of 2009, 730 of the 783 students who attended the prom also attended the SNAP event. With over 250 volunteers, this committee continues to build momentum and anticipates an equally successful post-prom event this spring. This year's theme is *Passport around the World*. SFASD Schools can volunteer to make props for this event as well.

Consider becoming involved in this worth-while activity, even while your students are young. SNAP has many events to offer throughout the year, leading up to the post-prom party. And there are many family-oriented activities at the 7-9 pm community walk-through portion of the SNAP event on May 15, 2010.

To learn more about how you can become support this worthy endeavor, or to find out about the year-round activities sponsored by SNAP, visit the website at [www.sfsnap.org](http://www.sfsnap.org). To become a volunteer log on to [www.snap.ptomanager.com](http://www.snap.ptomanager.com).

**President's Report (Cathy Tumelty):**

There is NOT a quorum (9 members) present at this meeting, with 7 members in attendance.

Every effort is made to process all the family information provided to the H&SA from the first day packets quickly in order to ensure a timely publication of the H&SA Directory. Due to privacy issues, the school is not permitted to give this information directly to the H&SA. As a result, information for the 450+ volunteers represented in our school has to be entered into and verified in PTOManager before the directory can be published. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

**Vice President's Report (Dawn Heine – unable to attend):**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report (Sheri Barberini):**

With acceptance of the application on 10/13/09, the Evans H&SA is now officially recognized by the IRS as a 501C-3 Not For Profit organization.

As of November 11, 2009, the account balance increased to \$55,949.18 as a result of funds raised by the Fall Catalog Fundraiser and the Dance-a-thon. Expenses included the approved purchase of food service equipment.

**Secretary's Report (Cathy Tumelty for Lorraine Moyer):**

Motion to approve minutes for the September 16, 2009 meeting: Wendy Monte & Sue Coyne.

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**Principal's Report (Mrs. Jacqueline Clarke Havrilla):**

Thank you to the H&SA for your continued support. In partnership with the H&SA, Author Day with Jane Kirkland on November 5<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Feedback has been very positive from students and staff alike. In addition, everyone is encouraged to participate in American Education Week November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, Parent Conferences are being held November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to continue to check the Evans Elementary website regularly for informational and calendar updates.

**Faculty Liaison's Report (Kathy Mandracchia):**

Nothing to report.

**Committee Updates:**

**Book Fair (Becky Zajac)**

This year's fall book fair, *Read Around the World*, is underway. The 3-day total is approximately \$5,900 – a 6% increase over last year, now that the H&SA is not required by Scholastic to collect sales tax. There are a lot of new volunteers – thank you!!! The scanners provided by Scholastic have made the whole shopping experience MUCH easier and pleasant for everyone. Family shopping night is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, with the book fair coming to a close on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations being collected during this book fair are benefiting the "Book Angels" program for the Ronald McDonald House.

**Dance-a-Thon (Cathy Tumelty & Sheri Barberini)**

This year's Dance-a-thon on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, was a big hit!! Through generous donations from families and friends, the H&SA was able to raise just over \$6,400, where the newly purchased food service equipment made its debut. In addition to dancing, food and fun, students took part in the Pumpkin-fest, sponsored by Oehlert Brothers, enjoyed a fantastic intermission show put on by Evans Staff and the Spring-Ford Ram Cheerleaders, and had an opportunity to win a number of prizes raffled off that evening. It was a blast!! Thank you again for all your participation and support!

**Daytime Help (Cathy Tumelty)**

Look for email requests for upcoming opportunities to join in daytime activities with the students and staff at Evans: American Education Week; Thanksgiving Feast (with students from Limerick, Ireland!); Winter Feast.

**Fall Fundraiser (Lorraine Moyer for Dawn Heine)**

This year's fall catalog fundraiser earned the H&SA \$4,940.45 – well over the anticipated \$4,000 profit. Both the traditional product catalog and the food product catalog did well, with "Nature in Bloom" lagging behind. Thanks to the 121 participants who made this fundraiser a success!

**Holiday Shoppe (Cathy Tumelty)**

The Holiday Shoppe starts immediately after the Thanksgiving break. This activity provides students with the opportunity to shop on their own for family and friends during the holiday season. It's a great time to enjoy the children so consider participating as a volunteer during student shopping hours and on the evening of Family Shopping, which is on December 4<sup>th</sup> – along with the Vendor Bazaar.

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**Committee Updates (cont'd):**

**Hospitality (Jennifer Kelly)**

Two dinners are being planned for teachers/staff the evenings of conferences the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition, meals will be provided in the spring during conferences and for a Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Please consider supporting the school staff by participating during one of these times.

**Market Day (Lorraine Moyer for Julie Kuerschner)**

Profit to date totals \$1,711.06 with 112 orders; 65 in September & 56 in October. This brings profits to 38% of the anticipated annual profit total of \$4,500. There are many great food products to choose from through this fundraiser – all money back guaranteed!

**Old Business(Cathy Tumelty):**

With available funds and approval of the 9/16/09 attending membership, the board purchased a popcorn machine AND a hotdog roller with sneeze guard through Kloss in Allentown, PA. These items have already been used at the Dance-a-thon and will continue to be used at functions throughout the year.

**New Business:**

A request to sponsor a “Mommy Mart” (child-only products ‘flea market’) was made from the floor. Feasibility and dates will be explored.

A request to include fundraising deadlines and pickups in the voice message alert system was made.

The next meeting of the Evans Elementary H&SA is on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7 pm in the Evans Elementary School Media Center.

Motion to adjourn: 8:24 pm by Becky Zajac and Wendy Monte.