

Annual Report of Concord P.T.A. Action Program for 1956 - 1957

Your president presents her annual report which reflects the efforts and accomplishments of your executive committee together with the cooperation of the parent and faculty membership.

This has been a well remembered year of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Concord School. By the combined efforts of the executive committee chairmen, particularly, Program, Hospitality, History, and Room Representative committees an outstanding meeting in Sept. to celebrate and get acquainted with teachers and all personell of the school was a huge success with over 400 persons attending.

The Legislative meeting to see and hear the local candidates and to get views on legislative problems as related to local school situations was excellently organized by the Legislative committee.

The Recreation meeting to hear how parents could organize and back a community project of developing Risley Park was very informative. The P.T.A. showed their willingness to cooperate by donating \$ 200.00 to the Risley Park Project Fund.

The Old Fashioned Christmas program gave us an idea how the children could fit into a P.T.A. program and initiated the spirit of Christmas and friendliness into our Association.

Our Safety program in January appealed to our civic responsibility and showed us how our Safety Patrol in the school program is operating 100% to help in safety, which is so vital in the growing up process of a child.

In celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Concord P.T.A. by inviting the 1907 Concord Student Body members to our Feb. 14th meeting we emphasized the spirit of appreciation to those who have contributed much to Concord's growth and success. The cooperation of both students and parents in the spelling match and the student panel discussion helped to strengthen the relationship of family and community, and show leadership ability in our family life education program.

The participation of our members at the March spaghetti dinner helped to bring school and parents closer together, and showed that the men in our community certainly have ability and an honored place in the P.T.A.. A small profit was made from the dinner and the membership voted to give it to the Boys' Summer Baseball Program.

The "buzz sessions" at the March meeting explaining community issues was an informative program to help determine what the community wants its school to accomplish.

The Child Guidance Clinic panel program in April was given to arouse greater public interest in Mental Health and the growing need for child guidance in helping the retarded and exceptional children.

Our May meeting, "Youth Night", the first ever held at Concord, is meant to impress the parents that nearly one fourth of our membership is giving several hours each week in serving the youth of our school, helping through the various programs to give the children greater knowledge of leisure time activities, to encourage family life recreation, and to instill in the children a greater sense of civic responsibility; but most of all to help train the children to become useful citizens in this great democracy of ours. Concord has 1 Explorer Post, 2 Boy Scout Troops, 2 Cub Scout Packs, 6 Brownie Troops, 3 Girl Scout Troops and 7 4-H Groups.

In November our Carnival headed by an efficient Ways and Means committee, and assisted by all executive committee chairmen plus countless "behind the scenes" members proved a financial success and filled the coffer with the much needed funds to meet the P.T.A. budget. Needless to say, it was also a success in bringing families of the community together for a big "fun night".

From the funds raised in the year since to provide a \$170.00 for a full scholarship to benefit an Oregon student in his or her education to become a future Oregon teacher. A such made portable washing machine was also purchased for the West Concord cafeteria, and a \$200.00 was donated to the Risley Park Fund from the profits.

In April talented members interested in dramatics presented a play in the hopes that a deficit from last year's play could be paid off, and that increased interest in this type recreation could be stimulated in the community. One of the objectives of the National P. T. A. program is "to help provide its citizens with abundant opportunities for cultural advancement and wholesome recreation". This was not a money making project but it did result in substantial profit whereby the deficit could be paid off and a reserve fund established.

The Health Committee kept busy the whole year. By their organized efforts the 4th & 8th graders received a dental examination by the volunteer service of Dr. John Hammond. Parents of 1956 first graders received the Golden Rod Physical Examination forms, which will also be sent out to the 1st grade parents for school entry in Sept. 1957. Nearly 20,000 vitamins were sold at cost to the population of Concord. Polio shots for all children and young adults was urged, and the committee helped give polio shots at the County Health Office in April and May.

The Histories of Concord School and the Youth Program were brought up to date, and interesting historic displays were presented each month.

The Youth Activity Program was tried for the first time in the Upper Grades and was designed to enrich school living and provide training for the worthy use of leisure time. P. T. A. members assisted in the program and excellent talent was shown by the teachers who instructed the activities.

Adult members were given the opportunity to take part in volleyball, swimming and sewing and tailoring were very well attended.

Our Civil Defense Program was expertly organized and through the combined efforts of the Chairman and Administration practice and instruction for school evacuation were made available to students of both schools. The actual "Dry Run" held on May 8th was most successful and 100% cooperation was given by parents, administration, county and state authorities.

The Budget Ways and Means, Census, Hospitality, Legislation, Magazine Subscription, Membership, P. T. A. Magazine, Program, Publicity, Room Representative and Safety Committees did outstanding work that represents many consuming hours and which directly affected the machinery of the P. T. A.

To each and everyone I express my deep gratitude for your jobs well done, and my sincere thanks to each Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

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