

**PTA General Membership Meeting
March 09, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Keith Taylor, Linda Grasley , Laura Kain, Kim Hairfield, Tara Bauer, Debbie Winson, Angela Green, Kim Johnston, Rae Schafer, Shelli McInturff, Kristin Wilcox

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves and told their job in the PTA if they had one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Johnston moved that the minutes be approved from the February 2010 meeting and Tara Bauer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

We received a thank you note from Mrs. Covino for the basket of flower sent to her during her recovery.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

A letter was sent home to PRE parents outlining the PTA's purpose/mission, fundraising thoughts and budget inflows/outflows. The floor was opened for questions.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO HEAD THE FUN RUN NEXT YEAR. (or a similar event; i.e. "Dance-A-Thon") This is our biggest fundraiser all year and we depend on this to fund all the things the PTA does for your school. We need your help!

An AlertNow message will be coming out soon re: Need Spelling Bee volunteers. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will not have the bees. Please let the board know ASAP if you are able to volunteer. Members discussed what might work for the future.

Next year, we would like to have 1 parent assigned per class as a "Room Parent". This Room Parent would help provide better communication and help with activities in the classroom.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Father/Daughter Dance: Susan Anderson
The Daddy/Daughter dance went very well!

Cultural Arts/ Residency Programs: Sue Lovelace

Remaining schedule for Cultural Arts programs:

- 4/13/10 2:15pm Gr 3 MD Science Center "Whats the Matter"
- 5/14/10 9:15am Gr 5 Cosmic Adventures "Stellar Lunar"

Orioles Ticket Fundraiser: Sue Lovelace

May 15th will be the date for Piney Ridge Family Night at the Ballpark! Ticket cost and more information to come.

Spring Fling: Linda Grasley, Melanie Conley, Kelly Granata

This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th 2010 from 10-3pm, with a "Rock Star" theme. Flyers were sent home for volunteers. You won't want to miss our popular Silent Auction to support the students of PRE. Bring the whole family to make arts & crafts, play tons of games, shop at the Book Fair, play Bingo, watch the 5th Grade Challenge, join the Dancing Debinski's, and try to win a cake at the Cake Walk. As, always the Bake Sale will provide plenty of delicious treats. For more information contact Melanie at 410-549-5254.

Box Tops: Rae Ann Schafer

Going well, the next contest is a classroom contest!

Talent Show: Tiffany Yetman

This Committee is looking for volunteers. Please contact Tiffany Yetman if you would like to help.

Newspaper Club: Renee Tripp

No report

5th Grade Farewell/Picnic: Stef Tofil and Chris Carr

No report

5th Grade Volleyball Game: Thursday February 25th, 2010 at Century High School

Went very well! A big thanks to Mr. Resh and Mr. Booker for making this event fun for everyone that came out!

Market Day: Heather Rose

No report

Family Fitness Night: Kim Johnston

March 4th, 6:30-8:30pm -Everyone had a great time. Mr. Resh and Mr. Booker organized a maze of events relating to the winter Olympics. Around 70 families came out and participated in this fun evening.

Community Advisory Council:

No report

Special Education Citizen's Advisory Council: Rachel Morey

No report

Spelling Bee:

No report. Still looking for volunteer/s

McDonald Night: Angela Green

Angela is checking with McDonalds to see what date are available.

Mother/Son Event: Laura Kain and Tara Bauer

May 7th from 7-9pm—"Super Hero" theme. Lots of games planned. This committee needs volunteers.

School Supply Kits: Kim Hairfield

Starting in the fall the school supply list will be regulated by CCPS.

Yearbook: Lynn Roach

March 12th is the deadline to order yearbooks. Order forms have already been sent home.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Teacher Representative: Mr. Taylor

MSA testing will start on 3/9 for 3rd-5th graders.

March 19th kicks off the Book Fair with a parent preview from 12pm-4pm. Students will shop on their assigned day the following week during specials. A schedule will come home with your child. Volunteers are needed.

Thank you Parents of Piney Ridge for the wonderful treats!

Looking for a 5th grade parent to organize the Slide Show for the 5th grade

Recommended giving families a snap shot of fundraisers for the calendar year. (School vs. PTA)

Principal and Asst. Principal: Mrs. Covino and Mrs. Becker

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Members discussed the following:

1. The possibility of having some meetings during the day so others can attend.
2. Volunteers not receiving a phone call about helping. All agreed contact with volunteers will improve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- All PTA (and other) flyers need to be approved by Mrs. Covino or Mrs. Becker before they are copied and distributed at school (please copy Kim Hairfield).
- When making copies to be distributed, please make 10-15 extras for the office and one extra for each classroom.
- Please encourage the use of checks, and not cash, on all appropriate flyers.
- Email Susan Anderson at our website www.PineyRidgePTA.net to put flyers and information on our website. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**
- Next meeting dates: April 13, May 4 (this is the 1st Tuesday since the 2nd Tuesday is an early dismissal day)

Upcoming Events

- Rock Star! Spring Fling Saturday, 3/27/10

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.