

**PTA General Membership Meeting  
September 8, 2009**

**Attendance:** Kim Hairfield, Kim Johnston, Shelli McInturff, Kristin Wilcox, Laura Kain, Karen Covino, Michele Becker, Cindy Modecki, Tara Bauer, Alicia Morris, Jigna Sangani, Karen Welsh, Linda Asiedu, Shelby Mayfield, Melanie Conley, Rachel Morey, Stacey Deibel, Kim Fitzgerald, Angela Green, Julia Betz, Natalie Peters, Nicki Wagner, Jamie Hamilton, Heather Lewis, Gina Willman, Chris Sevick, Brooke Kessler, Debbie Herndon, Robin Mattox, Jodi Ihasz, Tiffany Yetman, Keith Taylor, Brittney King, Colleen Delgado

**CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

**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 May 2009 meeting and Shelby Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kristin Wilcox

Checking balance \$8,830.19, Savings balance \$18,170.94 with a total of \$27,001.13

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:**

We need to renew our subscription for our PRE PTA Website. The renewal costs are as follows: 1 year for \$30, 2 years for \$50 or 5 years for \$95. Last time we opted for the two year subscription. Susan Anderson needs to renew soon, as our subscription expires in November.

Thank you to Nancy Cromwell for organizing the Back to School Social.

Thank you to Tiffany Yetman for putting together the Welcome folders for Kindergarten families and new families to our school.

Need Committee Chairs for Fun Run prize distribution (to help Nancy Myers), Talent Show, Teacher Conference Dinner, Mother/Son Event, Father/Daughter Dance, Spanish Club, Chess Club, help with All Pro Dad and food fundraiser volunteers (Domino's, Pizza Hut, Rita's)

We need volunteers for the Fun Run and Market Day.

Thank you to Sykesville Tae Kwon Do for providing a door prize for a birthday party for (8) to be held at their studio here in Eldersburg. Melanie Conley won the door prize. They also provided a tray of cookies to welcome us back to school.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Parents of Piney Ridge:** Brittney King and Amy Williams

A popcorn treat was given to the staff in the month of August.

**Back to School Social:** Nancy Cromwell

Kim Hairfield reported that it went well. Everyone enjoyed seeing each other.

**Membership:** Laura Kain

Going very well. The PTA has 289 members so far this year. With 40+ being staff of Piney Ridge! The membership drive will run until October 30<sup>th</sup>. The class with the most members wins a party!

**Movie Night:** Kim Johnston

Movie Night is scheduled for Friday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The votes are all in! The winner will be revealed that night. Concessions will be sold to offset the cost. Spirit Shoppe will be there selling this years school sweatshirts. Rain date TBD

**Fun Run:** Nancy Myers

This is the biggest fun raiser the PTA has. It supports all the programs your children love. The theme this year is The Food Pyramid. If you would like to learn more about the topic please visit [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov). Envelopes will come home very soon. This committee is in need of volunteers.

**Art to Remember:** Tara Bauer

This program is under way. Each child in art class will create a picture which will be collected and shipped to the Art to Remember Co. They will turn the picture into a magnet that will be sent back to the school. Parents will have the opportunity to view the magnet art and select from a wide variety of items that may be purchased. The magnet may also be purchased for \$6 or may be returned to the school. Tara needs help with distribution of orders. Watch for more info to come home.

**Cultural Arts/ Residency Programs:** Sue Lovelace

More information will be available next month.

**School Supply Kits:** Kim Hairfield

Very successful!

**Spirit Shop:** Debbie Herndon

200 shirts sold so far. Spirit shop will be selling sweatshirts at Family Movie Night on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be on hand if your size is not available that night.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Kim Johnston

All volunteer names have been entered into a database and will be distributed to committee heads next week. Committee heads may request a hard copy.

**Welcoming:** Tiffany Yetman

Committee received lots of great coupons from local businesses this year.

**Box Tops:** Rae Ann Schafer

The first contest starts now and will continue until Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A flyer will come home with details.

**Market Day:** Heather Rose

Order forms have gone home. Orders are due 9/22, pick-up is Tuesday, 9/29. This committee is in need of volunteers. The commitment would be Tuesday's after school once a month. Contact Heather if you are able to help at 410-552-5172.

**All Pro Dads:** Mike Rekus

A program created by Tony Dungee to get Dads involved at the school level with their children. One-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children meet to discuss a wide range of family topics, share ideas etc. Guest speakers have been brought in to discuss related topics. This committee is in need of volunteers.

**ADDITIONAL REPORTS:****Teacher Representative:** Mr. Taylor

Everyone enjoyed the back to school activities. The staff really enjoyed the Breakfast provided by PTA.

**Principal and Vice-Principal:** Mrs. Covino and Mrs. Becker

The school year is off to a great start. Please take the time to sign up for Martin's A+ Rewards program this is a great way to help raise money for the school while doing your regular food shopping. Last year this program raised \$3000 for the school.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> Linton Springs will sponsor a parent workshop on Raising Good Sons. It will be held at Century High School from 7-9pm for Parents of Sons Pre-K – Middle School. Joe Manthey, a educational Consultant, will conduct the workshop.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The PTA Newsletter will be distributed online unless a written request is made. An AlertNow message will be sent when it is ready to view.

Karen Welsh inquired about when the individual class newsletter was updated. Mrs. Covino will check with the team leaders to get that information. Karen and Melanie Conley requested an AlertNow message be sent out when the class newsletter is updated. Everyone agreed.

Mrs. Modecki our Reading Specialist at Piney would like to start a voluntary reading incentive program. The program will go on for a few months starting in November and continuing through January. At that time, with parent permission, the students will participate in an after school competition similar to the TV series Family Feud or Jeopardy. More information about "Battle of the Books" will come home with your child. Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Funds have been requested for this event. A PTA Committee along with Mrs. Modecki will determine the budget. That request will be voted on at future meeting.

A new Ice Machine is needed in the Cafeteria and our financial support is requested. Mrs. Herndon moved to add a line item to the budget in the amount of \$2200 to pay for the ice machine. Shelby Mayfield seconds the motion.

Kid Stuff Coupon Books-Kim Hairfield is interested in making this coupon book available to the parents at PRE. The books are filled with money saving coupons. Books will sell for \$25 and \$12.50 will go back to the school. Order forms will come home with your child and will also be available at Movie Night and other PTA Events.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- All PTA (and other) flyers need to be approved by Mrs. Covino or Mrs. Becker before they are copied and distributed at school.
- 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.
- Newsletter items – hard copy tonight, email to Kristen Barth at [pre.ptanews@hotmail.com](mailto:pre.ptanews@hotmail.com)
- Next meeting dates: October 13, November 10, January 12, March 9, April 13, May 4 (this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is an early dismissal day)
- Movie Night-Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Fun Run- Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.