

General Membership Meeting

Thurston Elementary PTA

December 8, 2009

The General Membership meeting of the Thurston Elementary PTA was called to order in the TES library at 6:33 pm by President April Uffens.

Approval of the Minutes

- September Minutes were read by Sherry and approved.

Tony inquired about room in the gym to store Family Fun Night supplies. Shari thanked Ian Jagels for helping to get the room organized.

Teachers Report

- Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Oschler spoke about their roles at the school and how many children receive help from them daily.
- April inquired about kids with special needs being in the classroom and it was explained that students are educated in the least restrictive environment possible but are removed from the classroom if it is distracting for the rest of the class. Students are also educated in their neighborhood schools.

Principal's Report

- Shari noted that she has been reminding students about the food drive at morning meeting.
- Share announced that the school had received an anonymous donation for \$5000.00 to be put toward the track. The school is planning to break ground in the spring. Many agreed that if the donor should choose not to be anonymous, it would be nice to place a plaque at the track in their honor.
- Thurston Elementary has been chosen by the Oregon Lottery to participate in a "Scratch-it" fundraiser to take place in April. Last time the school participated it raised over \$1,000.00.
- Shari agreed to let PTA use the sound system for the Holiday party to take place in the common area. Summer agreed to provide music.

New Business

- Toni announced that the Holiday party would be held on December 16th from 6:30-8:00. Jobina mentioned that there may be a lower turn because many families attend church on Wednesday evenings. It was publicly announced that supplies were limited and that families should plan to come early for this event.
- Toni said that Sally Foster went well making around \$5500.00, well over the \$3500.00 initially budgeted. Avery Laird won for the most sales and Mrs. Pinson's room won for the most sales per student. The kids loved the zoo pet prizes.

- Toni announced that the Papa's Pizza fundraiser would take place on Tuesday, January 5th. We will receive 50% of the proceeds for food purchases and 25% of all gift certificate sales.
- April suggested that the PTA charge \$2 per child for childcare at future events to help cover costs.
- April also spoke about creating a Love and Logic or parenting library for parent checkout. Mrs. Seckler agreed to run the checkout through the library.
- April announced that she was still trying to set up a CPR class for \$35.00 per participant.

Treasurers Report

- Jade suggested the following amendments to the 2009-'10 Budget:
 - Increasing the Family Activities line item to \$800.00 for the year to support the cost of the Love and Logic seminar, the Love and Logic library, and any incidental costs associated with future seminars or classes.

Action Item: Toni motioned to approve and Summer seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

- Adding a line item for Scrip. PTA had originally taken this line item off the budget because it was thought that the program would be eliminated. Because we have chosen to keep the program, a line item is needed to show the income and expense. She suggested adding \$10,000.00 in revenue, \$8,000 in expenses with an expected net income of \$2000.00. Scrip orders will be placed every other month.

Action Item: Jobina motioned to approve and Toni seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Summer gave update on canned food drive. The cans have been in the pods and she felt that we were capable of collecting more food. It was agreed that if the students were to raise one tone of food, they would be able to have a hat day as a reward. Shari also agreed to put a barrel outside during parent pick up and drop off to increase awareness. It was also decided that the drive would be extended until the following Thursday.
- Summer also said that she was still exploring options to get the folder games finished for families to check out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm by April Uffens.