

# General Membership Meeting

Thurston Elementary PTA

November 10, 2009

The General Membership meeting of the Thurston Elementary PTA was called to order in the TES library at 6:36 pm by President April Uffens.

## **Staff Report**

- Teena Seckler spoke about current library activities. Children are currently learning the Dewey Decimal System.
- The teams for Battle of the Books are forming and reading has started.
- Guest readers have started reading to children.
- The Reading Counts program has started. Children will read books and take quizzes for points. Class point minimums are being established.

## **Principals Report**

- Shari announced that the school's report card had been printed in the Register Guard and that Thurston Elementary was one of 5 schools to receive a rating of Outstanding.
- PTA decided not to do the Roger's Gardens Christmas Tree Contest this year. The amount of work was too much and this year's prize was reduced to \$200.00. PTA decided as a group to do a food drive for Food for Lane County instead. Summer volunteered to coordinate FFLC speaker for morning meeting to kick off the food drive and to coordinate food pick-up with FFLC. Food drive will run from November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business:**

- April announced that Sally Foster was budgeted to bring in \$8,000.00 but actually made \$12,000.
- April announced that the Fall Harvest Party would be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm.
- April asked if we should do something for the bus drivers in appreciation for their work. It was determined that staff already did something for them during Classified Workers Week and that PTA didn't need to do anything in addition to that.

- April wanted to thank Jobina for transporting the clothing donations to Bratten House after the clothing drive. The clothing drive was very successful this year.
- April announced the possible dates for the Love and Logic Seminar. PTA decided that it would be held on Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>. PTA decided to use the \$100.00 budgeted for family activities to fund the door prizes and items to be given to parents. The seminar will be held at no charge to parents.
- Leslie, the School Nurse, had asked PTA for \$300.00 to finish a project that involved folder games for families to check out. These games practice reading and math skills for all grade levels.

**Action Item:** Brenda moved to fund games. Jobina seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

- Shari asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering to help Carol Martin move boxes in the PE closet. It would involve 1-2 hours and she is currently checking to make sure there are no liability issues.
- Shari noted that the gym is being rented out by a local church on Sunday's as a place to hold their services. The school district receives the funds generated by renting out the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.