

Grand Prairie PTO Minutes

December 1, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jen Donnell, Dawn Kasper, Pam Sinram, Lisa Lydon, Chrissy Feil, Penny Golub, Jana Hlade, Janan Szurek, Juli Palmer, Lisa Burrows, Talia Jones, Chris Witkowski, Dena Berry, Jenn Leone, Kim Radaker, Liz Plewa, Carrie Dolbee, Monica Ray, Lori M., Tracy Lambert, Chris Ulreich, Monique Doolittle, Maria Gonzalez, Holly Toohey, Peggy Staszak

Meeting called to order by President, Jen Donnell @ 6:38 p.m.

Minutes from the December meeting were presented and approved with a motion by Chris Ulreich and a second motion by Tracy Lambert.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was requested and agreed to make the PTO's "available balance" known in the future treasure's reports.

The Treasurer's report was presented and was approved with a motion by Talia Jones and a second motion by Jana Hlade.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Nothing at this time.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- There will be reading & math assessment testing taking place December 1st thru the 16th for 2nd thru 5th grade students. Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be tested after winter break.

- If you would like to receive emails reminding you that the GP Gazette has been posted please sign-up on the web site to be added to the email list.

TEACHER REPS

- The "Foundation of Excellence" has awarded a two \$500 grants to GP, the first to Mrs. Boggs first grade class to be used for the multi-cultural fair and the second to the entire first grade team to be used for the fairy tale ball.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Family Night Out...

International Ice Arena in Bolingbrook, 12/28 1-3pm...The cost will be \$3 per person and skate rental will be \$2...This event will be open to GP only. We do need volunteers to help collect admission, please contact Jen Lotarski if interested. FNO information will no longer be put out thru Connect-Ed.

-Holiday Gift Shop...

All items will cost \$1.50 and the Gift Shop will be held 12/8 thru 12/10 with a family night on 12/10 from 3:30-6:30pm. Please send students with re-usable shopping bags.

- Room Parties...

Folders for the winter party are in the office ready to be picked up by lead parents. The party is December 18th. Please remember to recycle juice pouches and cookie wrappers. Please send any extra crafts to the office to be donated. If you have photos from the fall party please email them to Dena Berry at

berrydena@sbcglobal.net for the yearbook.

- Market Day...

December will be cookie dough bonus month. Pick-up will be coordinated with the holiday gift shop family night.

- Girl Scouts are collecting aluminum cans for a school wide service project.

- Green Committee...

Grand Prairie will be the first elementary school in district 202 to eliminate Styrofoam trays from the lunchroom! This will start the week we return from winter break. We will need volunteers to help in the lunchroom that week. GP will also be launching a series of dates that will focus on reducing Grand Prairie's Carbon footprint.

Jan. 29th...Limited Light Usage Day

Feb. 26th...Limited Paper Usage Day

Mar. 24th...Waste-Free Lunch Day

April 19th-23rd we will celebrate with "Earth Week".

- Fun Fair...

The Fun Fair has been moved to March 20th.

The Fun Fair committee is still in need of volunteers to be handle game set-up and take-down.

Set-up will be done Friday, March 19th after school if anyone is interested in helping.

NEW BUSINESS

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GP will be participating in Jewel's Shop & Share fundraiser. GP will earn 5% back on all purchases made December 14-16. There will be a second set of Shop & Share dates December 28-30...Each set of dates has their own slips with different codes that will need to accompany your purchase.

-Student Council will be shopping for GP needy families on Dec. 14th and is asking the GP PTO for support with a contribution of \$250. There has been a significant increase in need this year for our families. Lisa Burrows suggested giving a percentage of December's Market Day profits to the Needy Family Fund with a minimum contribution of \$250. It was approved in a vote that 50% of December's Market Day profits would be donated to Grand Prairie's Needy Family Fund with a minimum donation of \$250 with a first motion by Jenn Leone and a second by Liz Plewa.

-Volunteers are needed for the CAPE nomination committee.

A Lifetime PTO member is needed...Lisa Burrows volunteered.

A PTO member is needed...Kim Radaker volunteered.

A GP teacher is needed...Talia Jones volunteered.

AT 7:22PM A SHORT RECESS IS TAKEN BEFORE DISCUSSING THE BY LAWS.

MEETING RESUMED @ 7:32PM.

OLD BUSINESS

-There is an extensive discussion debating changes to the By Laws. Primarily, whether or not it should be written that a specific dollar amount be left in the PTO account at the end of each year.

The PTO left off at Article 6 to be picked up at January's PTO meeting.

- Staples Drawing...\$30 gift card awarded to Laura Klima.

Meeting was adjourned by President Jen Donnell @ 8:45pm with a motion by Monique Doolittle and a second by Jana Hlade.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Feil, PTO Secretary.