

Benson Hill Elementary PTA

General Membership Meeting Minutes October 5, 2009

7:00 p.m., Benson Hill Library

Attendees: Amanda Bedsaul, Judy Dias, Martha Flemming, Tobi Fox, Renee Ford, Dianne Jordan, Sharon Judge, Allison Martz, Laurie Medsker, Vivien Mitchell, Liane Myers, Naomi Onoda. Quorum Met.

Call to Order: Allison Martz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: Renee Ford moved to approve the minutes from September 14, 2009. Motion seconded and passed.

Principal's report: Mrs. Flemming gave brief reports on a successful first popcorn Friday, Sally Foster fundraising was announced during lunch (paperwork should be coming home on "take home" Tuesday), October 27th is Math Night, dates for RIF and October Family Night still need to be set.

President's Report: Allison Martz added a new item to the agenda called "items on hold." These items will be addressed at the end of the meeting, time permitting. Newsletter deadline is October 6th. Nominating committee alternates will be elected next meeting. Volunteer surveys went home and the PTA has received about 15 back. The committee chair roster has been updated and chairs are still needed for: Spring Cookie Dough, Family Nights (6 nights are budgeted and more than one chair could split the nights), and Ice Cream Social. The carnival committee is looking for committee volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Renee Ford brought the Treasurer books, financial records and monthly financial report. A thank you was given to the PTA for the new MoneyMinder software. Renee can set up viewing privileges for committee chairs. Renee reviewed the expenses and income (Treasurer Report), including a \$500 individual donation to a teacher.

Renee asked the PTA to increase the administration printing budget for copying by \$100. Dianne Jordan moved the PTA increase the administration budget for copying by \$100 (\$50 Admin/\$50 Admin Supplies). The motion was seconded and motion passed.

Renee also reviewed the hardware assets which are currently listed as a Toshiba laptop, popcorn machine, freezer, 3 cash boxes and a cash register.

Renee and Lisa Edwards will be attending a 990 EZ class. The PTA and the Law class is October 29th. Interested participants need to email Renee by October 23rd.

Ice Cream: Allison Martz said the PTA can't find volunteers to sell ice cream. Also, there are concerns with selling food twice a week, this limits student play time. Laurie Medsker moved the PTA concentrate on only selling popcorn at this time. The motion was seconded and carried.

Musical Minds: Dianne Jordan shared a follow-up regarding after school music lessons. It would cost \$125 per participating child for six weeks. One teacher per eight students would teach on a piano/keyboard. This is information the PTA would provide, this is not something the PTA would host as there is quite a bit of logistical details to sort

through. At this time, Musical Minds will be advertised in newsletter and word-of-mouth to see if there is enough interest.

Membership: Liane Myers said Membership is currently up to 83 members. Membership is from October 1 – September 30. Liane will provide an updated membership email list to the Board and committee. Allison Martz will issue an email regarding teacher \$75 classroom budget and Mrs. Flemming will distribute the email.

Health Screenings: The health screening on October 15th needs volunteers. Interested volunteers should sign-up or let Allison Martz know.

Fall Fundraiser: Naomi Onoda said the PTA sold 327 entertainment books . Friday, October 9th is the last day for Entertainment books. There were some communication difficulties with order sheets not being completed correctly. The Sally Foster fundraiser runs from October 5 – October 20. Naomi will contact the Sally Foster rep regarding pizza party/incentives for the class that sells the most.

Spirit Wear: Dianne Jordan said that Spirit Wear orders closed this week and over 100 items were ordered.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF): Tobi Fox said a date for the first distribution needs to be scheduled. There will be 3 RIFs this year. The PTA also received a grant for over \$1100 worth of new books.

Popcorn: Alison Martz said the PTA made \$75 in popcorn sales. The PTA needs volunteers to help serve popcorn.

Volunteer Training: Allison said Lisa Edwards will be hosting volunteer training for the classrooms on Thursday, October 8th.

Reflections: Dianne Jordan said Lori Church is the committee chair for Reflections. The theme is “Beauty is...” The deadline is November 13.

Family Night: Dianne Jordan presented a possible family night at the Lindbergh pool for Saturday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m. It would be a private rental and the PTA could charge \$3.00 per person for 1 ½ hour swim. Renee Ford moved to approve the PTA Family Night at the Lindbergh pool. It was seconded and passed.

Book Fair: Tobi Fox said the contract for the book fair was completed this week. The fair will be during conference week and the theme is “Reading Around the World.” Discussion ensued regarding possible activities to do during the long Bookfair night. Last year the PTA had a movie night. Decision to be discussed and made at a later date.

New Business

Renton Council Meeting: Mrs. Flemming said the PTA Renton Council will be having a Principal and President Potluck on October 26.

Attachments:

Submitted by: Liane Myers
Liane Myers, Secretary