

Benson Hill Elementary PTA

General Membership Meeting Minutes January 4, 2010

7:00 p.m., Benson Hill Library

Attendees: Amanda Bedsaul, Judy Dias, Lisa Edwards, Martha Flemming, Renee Ford, Catherine Jex, Tobi Fox, Dianne Jordan, Shannon MacGillivray, Allison Martz, Laurie Medsker, Liane Myers. **Quorum was met.**

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

Approval of Minutes: The PTA discussed changes and additions to the November 2009 minutes. *Judy Dias moved to approve the November minutes pending the addition of "The discussion of RIF funding was tabled until donations from the Book Fair One for Books program and the refund from library magazines is received."* Motion was seconded and passed.

Principal's report: Martha Flemming asked about dates for the next RIF distribution – TBD sometime in February. Mrs. Flemming has been working on the Reading is an Adventure program with Judy Dias and Laurie Medsker. Also in February is the 5th Grade Camp. Science Fair date to be determined [later determined for May 21st in conjunction with the Open House]. PTA would like to sell ice cream at the Science Fair; school staff recommended ice cream not be sold that night because of the displays and space. Popcorn also starts up again Friday, January 8th.

President's Report: January 7th is the newsletter deadline, contact Carla Rosengren with newsletter contributions. Allison Martz passed around an updated committee roster. The PTA also needs another volunteer to serve on the Financial Review Committee. The mid-year financial review should only take 2-3 hours. Naomi Onoda sent an email stating Entertainment Book prizes will be distributed this week. Finally, a bulletin regarding information on the Renton Library annexation to King County was passed around.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Renee Ford brought the Treasurer Books, financial records and monthly financial report. The PTA reviewed the Treasurer report. Renee said another \$150 is needed for administrative mailing supplies. This was tabled for February. Renee is still searching where to allocate \$275 made at the UPS store on November 12th, 2009 [date corrected]. The copy card was not signed. The PTA discussed some of the Treasurer Report items and some items needing to be researched i.e. pool night printing.

Additionally, Renee discussed the 12/10 Chuck E Cheese Night. Turnout was good but service was inadequate. The PTA profit was \$283; however, it seemed busier than last year but the profit was comparable. Chuck E Cheese will be looking into it but it will take 2-3 weeks.

Membership: Liane Myers reported Membership is currently at 100 members and the Benson Hill PTA received the Bronze Award for having 50% of their membership renewed by September 30th. PTA cards are in the process of being distributed.

Nominating Committee: Liane Myers said the Nominating Committee will be having their initial meeting shortly and will soon be accepting Nominations for next year's board.

Book Fair: Tobi Fox said Movie Night did \$400 in sales, profit was about \$200. She would like to do it again for the Spring Book Fair; however, another license would need to be purchased. Book Fair had \$4300 in sales and earned \$2600 in Scholastic credit or approximately \$1,000 in cash. A third option would be a combination of \$500 in cash and \$1000 in credit. The PTA needs to decide if they want the credit, the cash or a combination by January 18th. The Spring Book Fair will not be BOGO (Buy one Get one Free) and if the PTA takes cash from the Fall Book Fair, the profit margin will be 10% more with the Spring Book Fair. PTA discussion regarded budget items followed. The PTA owes \$775 as a RIF payment. Allison Martz has projected a \$4,000 shortfall for funding Spring Programs. A suggestion of sending a letter out to the Benson Hill community asking for money was made. *As leftover books for the new reading program can be used, Renee Ford made a motion to take the book fair cash. Motion was seconded and carried.*

Family Night: Dianne Jordan reported the next Family Night is January 21st at The Bouncy Place. PTA will charge \$5 per person. Overall cost to rent The Bouncy Place is around \$200 [corrected to \$250]. The PTA asked if there would be two McTeacher nights. At this time, McTeacher night will hopefully be scheduled at the end of February and teachers should be given plenty of notice to participate.

Reading is an Adventure: Judy Dias and Laurie Medsker discussed the newly developed Reading is an Adventure program. This replaces Reading All Stars. The reading program is in a transition year and can be run inexpensively as prize and books are items the PTA already has. It will kick off around February 5th and minutes will be collected every two weeks. Teachers will have some discretion on who the top readers are. The ice cream social and/or all school popcorn party would need a budget of \$200. *Lisa Edwards moved to approve the Reading Program and budget. Motion was seconded and approved.*

Attachments: Reading in an Adventure summary

Submitted by: Liane Myers
Liane Myers, Secretary