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PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 6th, 2010

Meeting called to order by Romanna @1808 with 19 people in attendance

Welcome- Romanna

Approval of Minutes

- Correction made to minutes. Motion made, seconded and carried forward unanimously (13) for approval of November 4th, General Meeting Minutes.

President's Report

- "Living La Vida Healthy" grant proposal was accepted. This grant, in the amount of \$2,375, is issued thru Southeast Uplift. The carnival will be held the last Saturday of May. Details to come.

Treasurer's Report

- Budget status
 - Current bank balance of \$12, 891.05, with expenses at \$5,092.26. Initial auction sales of \$5,896.50.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising
 - Dinner Out: Percent of proceeds back to school (Montavilla Eateries)
 - Clever Cycles: \$210 made from 10% of proceeds given back to school
 - Passive Fundraising: Continuing with Box Tops, Campbell's Soup labels, Amazon, Bobcat Beans
 - First of February the rest of the year's fundraising activities will be outlined.
 - 123 Auction: Goal was \$3,000, we made approximately \$6,000! All thank you notes will be sent out to donors by next week. Committee to send out survey to parents as follow up for how to improve for next year's auction.
- Volunteer
 - No report
- Student Council
 - Cory read minutes from the last student council meeting.

- "Storage Committee" continuing to work on locker issue. Nicole Vulcan has volunteered to help council develop a letter to be sent to the Portland "Rebuilding Center" for ideas/suggestions to the storage problem.
- SC sponsored a gift for the Giving Tree
- SC to sell refreshments at PTA Game Night as fundraiser
- Reported on the student council sponsored "Giving Tree"
- December 12th, 3 student council reps volunteered their time to the Salvation Army to assist with bell ringing.
- Kat's Report
 - "Salsa and Sundaes": Jan. 12th at the school. Salsa lessons by PSU instructor from 6:15-7:00 followed by dancing and ice-cream.
 - Community of Sharing: Christmas gifts to Bridger students in need. 25 families were able to be assisted.

Old Business

- Metro Arts/ after School Program(s) status report: Decided to initiate committee to look into development of after school programs. Discussion lead into looking at feasibility of SUN program at Bridger. Kat to do initial research and get back to parents/PTA.
- Measures 66 and 67: Tyler Whitmore from "Stand for Children" (grassroots organization, non-profit advocate for children/education) presented. Encouraged those in attendance and all parents to get involved with these two very crucial ballot measures. If the measures don't pass, potential loss of \$23 million dollars for PPS. Sign ups for phone bank and canvassing participation were passed around. Election is Jan. 26th. VOTE YES!

New Business

- PTA Game Night: January 27th. Looking for volunteers to help coordinate; board games needed.
- Sweetheart Dance Committee: February 12th. Romanna to send out list serv email asking for volunteers
- Regional Arts Council Grant: Approved. Grant pays for one half of cost up to \$450. Further discussion at next meeting.
- Safe Routes to School: Gabriel Graffe presented. Coalition lead program which helps to provide safe and healthy ways for students to get to school. The "Smart Trips" project is a program that will be held this spring for 2nd and 5th grades during school hours. Program provides the information and activities that families need to get started walking, biking, riding the bus, carpooling, and more and ends with a community bike ride. Fliers to be sent out around Jan. 19th.
- SEPTA: Michael.....presented. Meeting for parents with special needs children. Goal of the PTA is to keep the Special Ed classrooms at Bridger. We would like to continue to incorporate and keep the families involved at Bridger School. Michael to draft letter and send to Romanna for distribution.

Adjournment

- Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously (13) to adjourn at 1930. Next meeting, February 3rd at 1800.

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