

## PTA Meeting Dec 3, 2012:

#13 parents, teacher liaison & administration present

Motion by Amy Breznak to accept the Nov 2012 meeting minutes. Motion made. Seconded. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We made 3,133.48 from the Lavender's fundraiser, \$700 less than last year. We are bringing in significantly less than last year because families are not donating – and we have cut our fundraisers in anticipation of donations.

Budget standings as of last year at this time:

5100 last year

3200 this year

If we do not make up this difference the concern is will we be able to provide all of the activities?

### **Administration Report:**

We hosted the DI regional challenge on Sat. We had a good turnout. We thank the PTA for sponsoring the event. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> is mid-quarter for this quarter. Interims will be going out. B&N night is next Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. Ms Thompson wanted to encourage the holidays as a great time to restock school supplies in their stockings.

21<sup>st</sup> – holiday sing-a-long 2:30-3:30. Last year we had a huge turnout.

We did the BGE video challenge. We sent out a connect ed. It doesn't appear to be a limit to the voting so please vote! A group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders made the commercial in the tv studio. You can click on the link we sent and watch. [www.bgevideochallenge.com](http://www.bgevideochallenge.com) There are awards to win and proceeds would go towards the TV studio.

Parent Question: Tech class – did it happen? Teacher addressed: It was poorly attended ... Ms Allen and parents present discussed better communication re: the date, and trying to plan in advance for Jan. since we do not have a PTA meeting.

### **Teacher's Report:**

We have 3 – 5 day weeks coming up. Please be kind to your teachers ;-). Nothing new to report

### **President's Report:**

The directory is complete and will be coming home this week.

Thanks to Bernie for the work collecting the box tops.

A huge thank you to Mr. Levin for his help with our Holiday Movie Night

The remainder of my report picks up where Tracey left off re: our budget. We don't want to always want to beg for money – but when you ask to reduce fundraisers and we ask for donations but don't receive – we will have to cut field day, 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, movie nights, Fall Festival. We are the point where we only have enough money to sponsor a few more activities then we will have to cut the remainder of the year. So far everything we have done this year (school fundraisers as well) have raised less than previous years. We understand these are difficult times. We will be sending home paper forms requesting pledges.

Parent discussion followed re: how to handle to request for donations. Lots of suggestions and discussion ensued. It's very frustrating considering the PTA wants to sponsor all of these events, but we've been requesting via newsletters and have received so little.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Spirit Wear:** Orders came in. Orders went out. Not doing orders again till March.

**Box Tops, Cultural & Movie Night:** \$744 for Box tops should be coming. Bernie is new to this position, so still learning the ropes. Bernie is trying to continue to monthly travelling trophy. Labels for education is continuing as well – and points can buy things for the school/students. Bernie printed out 2 copies of the points redemption options and passed those around the meeting.

### **Food Nights:**

We just did Bob's Evans. Yvette provided some feedback, and asked parents present for feedback. The next one is in Jan at Panera. It will be one evening. Beth Allen offered to help Ms. Belt with manning the Panera evening.

### **Kids Club:**

### **Book Fair/Book Night:**

Nothing yet.

### **Membership:**

We have 276 members as of late.

### **Beautification:**

### **Green School:**

**Beach Night:** Last year we didn't sell as many hot dogs/hamburgers so this year we are thinking about doing pizza. Kristin is considering an evite with RSVP so she can anticipate how many will come and can base her pizza orders on the attendance. We have snacks and sodas from movie night to pass along to the evening. Kristin wants to reduce candy to ensure the kids eat.

Firecode was discussed. Volunteers are VERY needed! Jan 18<sup>th</sup> is the event. Please email Kristin if you can help! Kristin only has one more year here so this is the perfect time to help Kristin chair b/c without a chair for 2014 Beach Night the event will not happen.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

Motion to dismiss.

Seconded.