

A. G. Richardson PTO Meeting Minutes
October 2006

Meeting Date: October 12, 2006

Meeting Time: 7 PM; School Library

Attendees: Kathy Kidwell; Lorraine LaRosa; Anne Luckinbill; Lisa Clubb; Nancy Sink; Susie Mountcastle; Maria Frank; Whitney Simpson; Alexa Fritz; Candy Standley; Chairity Makely; Sue Bridges; Patricia Soley; Tracy Anderson; Jen Lewis; Brenda Bayne; Denise Head

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Kathy Kidwell.

It was announced that there was a change in officers with the resignation of the treasurer, Annette Smallwood. Lisa Clubb will be taking over the responsibilities of this position.

The minutes were approved as written.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Candy Standley, AGR's Math Specialist. Mrs. Standley discussed the Investigations series that will be implemented this year. Also discussed was the Benchmark test that will be given to grades 1 through 5. Also included in this will be a Benchmark Problem. This problem will be a word problem. Grades K and 1 will discuss the problem in class. Candy also presented samples of work that has been completed so far this year in classrooms.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was tabled as there was a change in officers.

Administrator's Report:

Sue Bridges presented information concerning the Multi Cultural Night that is being planned by Linda Foiles. The Family Fun Night that was scheduled for May 11th will be replaced with this event. A variety of activities and events are being planned for this night.

With the recent bomb threats that have occurred, the school is reviewing its security procedures and improving things where needed. A letter will be sent home explaining some of this. The front doors are the only ones that will be unlocked during the day. All visitors must sign in at the office and wear a yellow visitor's pass. Faculty members have been instructed to question any person (employee or visitor) who are not wearing proper identification. The school will be changing employee key pad numbers, are looking to improve the schools doors and looking into a vestibule for the front lobby. When available, there will be a staff member setting in the front lobby having visitors sign in.

New Business:

Honor Roll: Brenda Bayne is tentatively planning this event for November 10th. Report cards will be issued around November 7th.

Living Garden: Kathy Kidwell and Lorraine LaRosa are working on getting this started. A tentative location has been picked. This area will be used to honor members of the AG community who have passed on. Denise Head recommended the possibility of creating an Edible School Room. An Edible School Room allows children to assist in the gardening of various vegetables. Denise also offered to help with this endeavor.

Daniel Garcia: Chairity Makely discussed the articles that have appeared in the newspaper discussing the surgery that Daniel will be receiving in the future. She wanted to know if there could be a way for the PTO to help raise money to be used for his surgery. Sue mentioned that we have other students in the school dealing with medical issues. It was then discussed to create a "Family in Needs" fund where money would be raised for the purpose of helping these students. It was recommended that Family Fun Nights could be an avenue to help raise these funds.

Spirit Booth: Tracy Hayes made a request for additional funds to be used in the purchase of Spirit Wear and Spirit Goods for the Spirit Booth. She requested an additional \$566; \$316 for shirts and \$250 for gel pens. After reviewing last month's budget it was decided that the above costs should come from \$1,070.

Request from Jori Zirbel: Jori Zirbel requested additional funds to help pay for the 2nd grades upcoming field trip. She asked the PTO to cover the cost of 8 teachers and students in need. The request for additional funds was denied. If paid for by the PTO, these expenditures would come out of the grade level's field trip money.

The Corner Shelf Bookstore: Amy Cornelius approached the PTO about creating an event that would pair with Mama Mai's night in November. This would coincide with Children's Book Week. The idea is to create a special event that will tally the receipts from a specific nights' sales. An idea was brought up to create a competition between the grade levels. One concern that arose had to deal with the hours of the store. It was asked if the store would stay open later on the nights involved.

Old Business:

Book Fair: The Fall Book Fair will begin on November 1st and will run until November 15th. Students will come during their library resource time to browse. Buy days are scheduled for the 10th, 13th, 14th and 15th. There will be a sign up sheet in the office for teachers to sign up for times. The Family Preview Night is scheduled for November 9th from 5 PM to 7 PM. The book fair will have a rain forest theme.

Fall Fundraiser: From the fundraiser the PTO has a profit of \$11,800. With the magazines and online orders we should reach a profit of \$12,000 or over.

Mama Mai's: For October, we received \$141.

Bulldog Bazaar: The Bulldog Bazaar is scheduled for November 4th beginning at 8 AM. So far, we have 25 crafters. The Girl Scouts will be running the concession stand again this year. The Spirit Booth will also be set up and we will be having a Bake Sale table. The PTO is also making a variety of crafts to sell at the PTO table and is asking parents for donations of either crafts or baked items. Tables are still available for the event. Tracy and Jen are still looking for volunteers to help get information out to the public.

Variety Show: Tracy Anderson will be presenting information to the faculty concerning this event at the November Faculty Meeting. She said she has had interest from members of the staff. It was decided that this event will take the place of the January Family Fun Night (January 12th). A make up date has also been scheduled for January 19th. It was mentioned to use this event to help raise funds for the Families in Need fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 7 PM.