

MINUTES

Germantown Elementary School PTA Minutes

October 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Kimmi Photinakis at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance

Approximately seventeen parents and faculty members.

Icebreaker

An icebreaker was led by Ms. Bryant to enable the attendees to get to know one another better.

President's Report

- Kimmi has been working hard to get everything up and running with the PTA.
- We still need volunteers for two committee positions – Grounds/Landscaping and Student Recognition.
- The PTA would also like to thank Claudia Goldman for all her help translating multiple PTA documents into Spanish.

First Vice Presidents Report

- Jen Brill reported that membership is at 91 – including 9 teachers. A membership drive is underway with the goal of getting at least 110 members. The class with the highest % of members will get the cookie jar.
- The fall fundraiser will run 10/12-23 – Sally Foster & Otis cookie dough. Packets should go home Friday.
- We received a check for \$200 for the McDonald's fundraiser. Next fundraiser is set for Wed, 10/14 at California Tortilla. Analisa Urcia has arranged all of these fundraisers and will send out reminders next week.
- Entertainment Book sales will begin 10/29.

First Vice Presidents Report

- Marti was not at the meeting, however Kimmi noted that we have two big programs coming up – Donuts For Dads on Monday, 10/12 and the Halloween Dance on 10/23. Marti still needs lots of volunteers for the dance.
- Claudia Goldman is organizing Donuts for Dads – she has ordered all the food from Royal Bagel Bakery and has volunteers to help her run the event.

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly Meredith reviewed the proposed budget with the group. A motion to approve the budget was proposed by Jen Brill and seconded by Aba Kumi. The budget was approved unanimously.
- We will pay our PTA dues of \$4.25/member to the County/State/National PTA's on a monthly basis.
- Kelly also asked that if you collect money for the PTA that you turn it in ASAP. Call her directly if you'd like her to pick it up at your house.

Committee Reports

- **Cultural Arts** – Kimmi and Lorelei Castro have been attending performer showcases for PTA events. There are several performers they are interested in booking for school assemblies and evening events. We will have to watch the budget to see how many performances we can afford.
- **After School Programs** – Kimmi has been organizing Mad Science, but a prospective volunteer has expressed interest in running this committee. Mad Science will run on Fridays from 3:40-4:40. We have exceeded enrollment and have a parent volunteer who has offered to help with the class.
- **Spiritwear** – Felice Weber stated that the new spiritwear will arrive at the end of October. We sold about 100 shirts – making approx. \$100 in profit. She was able to sell 32 of our old stock for

a total of approx. \$380. We will revisit in the spring if we'd like to host another sale or potentially sell our old stock at a big discount for the holidays.

- **Cluster Rep** – Nelton Castro said the first meeting will be held at the end of October.

Principal's Report

- Open House on 10/12 after Donuts for Dads. Parents are invited to observe or volunteer in their children's classes in the morning.
- Spanish translations are going well. There have been several occasions where staff and/or parents have needed translations but mostly translating of the Connect Ed recorded messages. Will need to find out from Spanish-speaking families if there is a more preferred time for this support.
- School sponsored clubs begin tomorrow -10/7. Room is still available in each club – MSA Prep Club (invited grade 4-5 students), Yoga (grades 3-5), Math Facts (grades 2-3) and HW Club (grades 2-5).
- No school next Friday, October 16th for MD teacher's conference.
- Book Fair will be held 10/19-23.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn was made at 7:59pm by Kelly Meredith, seconded by Joanna Hook, it was passed unanimously.