

## **Germantown Elementary School PTA Minutes**

December 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Kimmi Photinakis at 7:07pm.

### **In Attendance**

Approximately fourteen parents and Ms. Bryant.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed from the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and a motion to amend the minutes was made by Ms. Bryant. Under the Delegate/Cluster report – the wording was changed to “In the safety report, *the Germantown area* had the highest incidence of under age drinking.” A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Jen Brill and seconded by Karen Anzalone.

### **Icebreaker**

This month’s icebreaker from Ms. Bryant involved I Have...You Have Cards. A fun game to practice basic math facts.

### **President’s Report**

- During parent/teacher conferences in November, the PTA gave snack gift bags to the teachers in appreciation for them staying late and accommodating the parents for the conferences. Kimmi Photinakis and Claudia Goldman put these gift bags together. The teachers were very appreciative.

### **Vice President’s Report**

- 44 Entertainment books were sold and we profited approximately \$250.00. Fall fundraiser, entertainment book, and cookie dough sales gave us a profit of approximately \$2500.00.
- There are five tubs of cookie dough leftover if anyone is interested in purchasing any.
- Restaurant Fundraisers – California Tortilla - \$278, Chick-fil-A - \$175. The next fundraiser to benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is December 9<sup>th</sup> at Ledo’s 4pm – 10pm.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- Turn around time for check reimbursement usually takes between 10 – 14 days. If you need a rush let us know.

### **Delegate/Cluster Rep Report**

- Cheryl Qassis attended last Thursday’s meeting. Some of the discussions were: bullying and intimidation, use of the Smith Center, and budget issues. Next meeting there will be a discussion on men in the PTA – encouraging more participation.
- Nelton Castro attended the Cluster meeting. Discussion about a Feasibility Study for 3 local elementary schools including Germantown Elementary. The actual study wouldn’t start until the summer. Connect Ed Survey was 50/50 with half wanting

to rebuild Germantown Elementary School somewhere else and half wanting Germantown Elementary School torn down and rebuild in the same spot. More to follow with this topic in January.

### **Committee Reports**

- Cultural Arts – Pajama night is January 29<sup>th</sup>. Reach Week will be several weeks later with the kick off meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.
- Spring Fair – Planning will start in January. Lots of volunteers are needed. The fair will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Principal's Report**

- Germantown Elementary is involved in the Mathematics Discourse Look-Fors.
- Math Night is replacing Show your Stuff Night. It will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> and it is a drop in event that will be in the all purpose room, hallways, and media center. RSVP's will be sent out.
- Step it Up meeting will be held this Thursday for invited “targeted” families. Goal – to get the MSA scores up.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Aba Kumi and seconded by Nelton Castro.