

PTSA Meeting Minutes

4-4-08

Meeting called to order at 3:20 pm

Board Members present: Michelle Robles
Paula Valverde
Nancy Kasten
Cassie Hamza

WELCOME TO GRACE FROM DESERT HEIGHTS PRESCHOOL.

Meeting minutes for March approved.

Continuing Business

A) Trash to Cash Update

Angie reports things have slowed way down this quarter as far as label collections go. She is looking into donations from the surrounding businesses to supplement our totals.

B) Movie Night planning update

Everything is organized and ready to go. We still need a few volunteers. So far we show 285 people coming. We had discussion about how best to keep the popcorn warm if we pre-pop. Cassie came up with the solution..... line a box with tin foil and keep pre-popped popcorn inside. We got lots of responses to our donation letters for movie night raffle baskets. We have enough to do 3 baskets and a 50/50 raffle.

C) Spring Carnival

So far we have 7 vendors signed up for the cafeteria. The lists from teachers booths are all in. Patsy is getting us a great price on cookies (100-\$15.00). We will have a Rock Wall, Riptide, Dunk Tank, 2 jumpies. The signs for the booths are all ready, Mr. Wynn will do music. We still need to find out how much music equipment we have left now that Mr. D. is gone.

D) PTSA positions

Nominations will be taken from now till election day on May 1. Michelle has compiled a list of job descriptions and will send out Michelle, Nancy and Annie will not be returning to the board, Paula is willing to do another term as treasurer. We will all still be at the school and willing to help in any capacity needed. We requested Cassie to provide a list of people she believes would be good candidates for student rep next year.

E) AMF Bowling

We asked Darlene Cavallo to see if she can get us some available dates to choose from for May if possible.

E) Event wrap up

- a) Great skate.....There were staffing issues which were Discussed. We made \$362.25 plus Great Skate will also be giving us \$150.00 for the Teachers names that they forgot to call out.
- b) Can We Talk..... Participation is dwindling. We are looking Ways to increase numbers for the final one.
- c) Spaghetti Dinner/Art Show.....We had low attendance for this Event this year too. We discussed How to improve our numbers next Year (including being able to find Out ahead of time how many Parent/teacher conferences are Scheduled.)

A BIG THANK YOU TO MYRA AND NORMA FOR THE DELICIOUS SPAGHETTI ALL HAND MADE BY THEM. YUM! YUM!

We discussed possible Summer time events to plan including:

- Polar Ice (doesn't look promising)
- Water world (great time last summer)
- Diamond Backs Game
- High School Musical the Play

We plan to send out a packet before the end of the year and an E mail Blast. We will also look into using Edulink as a reminder (but preschool Parents are not necessarily on Edulink system)

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EDULINK MESSAGE YET THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE TO VERIFY INFO.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of today, we have \$7184.00
Start thinking about what type of activities/ect. We want to Budget for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Book Fair....We have committed to spend \$150.00 on books For teacher's from wish lists. Mrs. Nolan has no Goal set for this book fair.
- 2) Movie Night.... Food items purchased, Science fair in café til 5pm We will work around it.
- 3) Chuck E Cheese Night is Wednesday April 16th 3pm-9pm
- 4) Can We talk IV...(Mixed Messages) April 30th 5:30pm-8pm

- 5) Spring Carnival is Saturday April 19th 10am-2pm
- 6) Budget discussion for the 2008/2009 school year
Possible thought include: Risers
Music equipment
Communication equipment
Read Across America
Field day
Aims Testing
Red Ribbon Week
- 7) PTSA was asked if we would consider doing an Ice Cream Social during the spring music show. We had discussion With regard to charging or not for ice cream, the date is Still not firm.....May 15 or 16.
.....A motion was made by Paula to go ahead with #7.
.....Seconded by Nancy
.....Unanimous vote in favor.
- 8) Teacher Appreciation
Discussion of what we should do for the 4th quarter. We Are thinking about having one parent from each class put Together a personalized gift basket for each teacher.
Also discussed Massage therapy and cookie bake.
- 9) We discussed Having the school board meetings better publicized To allow more parents the opportunity to plan to attend.
We discussed putting it in new letter, email blast, ect

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 PM.