

Present

Melissa McGann, Shawn McDonald, Christiana Johnson, Courtney Welch, Kristin Ray, Jami Waite, Jamie Patton, Kristen Jaudon, Alli Fallot, Kristi Grund, Amanda Hayes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by President Melissa McGann at Chloe Clark Elementary. Proper notice was given to all board members. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

There were no proposed corrections for the CCPTA Board of Directors' minutes from December 2, 2009. The minutes were signed and filed for audit.

President's Report

- a. The president reminded the board of the confidentiality of the meetings.
- b. January is National School Board Recognition Month. We would like to show our appreciation for the Steilacoom Historical School District School Board by giving them small thank-you gifts. Discussion followed and ideas were generated. It was decided that we would purchase a gift to present to each board member at the January 27 meeting. Chloe students will attend the meeting with their parents to present the gifts.
- c. Lou Paresi is an active local mom, and former CCPTA Treasurer, whose husband was killed recently in Afghanistan. The board decided it would be a nice gesture to offer our condolences with a gift to Lou. Discussion followed. Melissa will purchase a plant and deliver it to Lou's house.

Vice President's Report

- a. Happy birthday to Rose Marie Mercer and Rebecca Kinney!
- b. Reader board announcements were updated for the month of January.
- c. PTA Mondays were lined up for the month of January.

Treasurer's Report

December was a slow month for financials. The ending balance for December was \$29,824.08.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Principal/Staff Comments

No report.

Committee Reports**Yearbook**

- a. Flyers have been sent informing parents about the price of the yearbook: \$18 for one, \$15 for each additional copy, until April 1 -- at which time all yearbooks will be \$20.
- b. Presales begin in January with hard-copy order forms to be included in next week's Wednesday Envelopes.

Leaf Your Mark

Three leaves were sold in December, 0 fence posts.

Volunteers

- a. Volunteer hours for December were not yet calculated.
- b. Volunteer of the Month for December: Holly Wickenhagen

Public Relations

- a. 110 students completed the Ready-Set-Read program partnership with Farelli's for December.
- b. New hard-copy Ready-Set-Read program flyers will be sent out via Wednesday Envelope for January.

Legislative

- a. Focus Day is on January 18, 2010. Flyers have been sent electronically in email Wednesday Envelopes.
- b. Kristi will be attending, along with a few other families.
- c. While at the capitol building, kids will be making signs and learning chants while the adults learn more about the issues.
- d. The last day to register for the event is Friday, January 15, and may be done online.

Newsletter

Reminder: Articles are due the first Friday after the board meeting each month.

Math Night

- a. Math Night will be held on the evening of January 26. There will be money, card and dice games, as well as an "Ask the Teacher" table. Games will be categorized by type of game, rather than by grade level. There will also be mindbenders, vocabulary games and tanagrams.
- b. Kids will be able to "earn" a cookie by working their way through all of the stations. Cookies will be free (left over from Fall Fundraiser) and so will other snacks (left over from Fitness For Fun Night).
- c. When Alli met with the teachers at their staff meeting, they indicated that they did not want to work with the new math books that were purchased by the PTA and would rather stick with the current curriculum. The board decided, by an informal show of hands, that we would return the books for a refund.
- d. Request was made for a fun Math Night bulletin board.

Bingo Night

- a. Family Bingo Night is January 29.
- b. Christy has sent letters to businesses outside of DuPont in search of prizes. She will walk the letters to local businesses in search of same.
- c. We will need volunteers to set up, run, and clean up the event.

Chloe Creations/Art Walk

- a. The Art Walk will be on February 19. Catrina Beach is leading this effort to fill a requirement for her master's degree program.
- b. Catrina will pick a school-wide art project by Friday, January 15.

- c. We will need volunteers to help facilitate the project during regularly scheduled music classes, as well as to set up, run, and clean up the event.

Assemblies

- a. Peter and the Wolf musical production is scheduled for May 19 -- the same day as OJP. Should we do both?
- b. Alli is waiting to hear back from the quintet if we can change the date.

Staff Appreciation

- a. Candy-filled snowmen were left in the staff room for staff to enjoy during the month of December.
- b. Cakes and flowers have been given for each staff member's birthday so far this school year.
- c. We will be providing staff lunches on February 10 and 11 for mid-year parent/teacher conference days. Signup sheets were passed around the meeting for people to sign up to bring items for the lunches.
- d. We will need additional volunteers to make sure we have enough people covering all the items needed.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee is trying to find a time to meet. They are now accepting nominations for exec positions.

New Business

Young Authors Day

Brett Bradshaw came to the meeting to discuss the possibility of having the PTA help him recruit volunteers for Young Authors Day. He particularly needed help with binding the stories written by each student in school. He would like to hold the event on May 19. He suggested having Sarah Anderson, a local author he recently met, come to participate. Discussion followed. Brett will present his ideas at the staff meeting on 13.

Old Business

Nesting Boxes

Nesting Boxes -- Christy reported no update from Brett Bradshaw.

Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm. The next board meeting will be February 3, 2010, at 6:30 pm, at Chloe Clark Elementary. The next PTA general meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm, at Chloe Clark.