

**PTA Board Meeting
September 23, 2008**

Present: Anne Gardner, Kirsten DeKalbo, Susan Breon, Joan Whelan, Pam Bernier

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. Scholastic/Time Magazine for Kids

A. Because collection of subscriptions for Scholastic/Time occurred simultaneously with collection of PTA dues, there was some blending of funds. These can be retraced but the issue should be avoided in the future to save Treasurer's workload.

Agreement: Next year, PTA will be give separate envelopes for teachers – with 5 or 6 envelopes each for PTA dues and Scholastic/Time Magazine per classroom.

B. Many payments also included coins because supply list had cost at \$4.50 not \$5.00.

Agreement: Next year, cost on supply list to be \$5.00.

C. Collection of subscriptions brought in approximately \$1,000. We paid \$1,200 plus vouchers from the last Scholastic book fair.

Next Steps: Anne to confirm total value of vouchers so that board can examine whether/to what degree taking on collecting the subscriptions was a valuable effort.

2. Picnic Tables

A. Getting five tables built will be a very large endeavor hampered by limited time school is accessible. The estimated cost is approximately \$1,286.

Agreement: Anne to ask Scott Mooney his opinion on building two now (estimated cost \$526) to gauge level of volunteer effort, work through construction kinks. Three additional can be built in spring if courtyard is determined large enough to accommodate five tables. Scott will also be asked to hit Home Depot up for contribution of materials.

3. School Field Trips

A. Cost of joint 2nd and 4th grade field trip to aquarium is expected to cost more this year approximately \$540, due to rental costs for bus. 4th grade has already used \$100 of PTA money on a field trip.

Agreement: PTA will allot \$250 per grade for school field trips. So PTA will supply 4th grade with \$150 more and 2nd grade with \$250 for a total of \$400 towards the cost.

Also, Anne Gardner will ask teachers/Ms. Seidel to make a practice of incorporating chaperone costs into total cost estimates so that chaperones do not have to pay for their volunteer service.

4. Recess Equipment

A. Recess monitors requested approximately \$419 in recess equipment including a storage container to store the equipment in.

Agreement; Request approved.

Next Steps: Anne will also ask grant-writing parent (Melissa?) to write a proposal for the Ingrid Turner grant for recess equipment. (Parent could also write Target grant).

5. Events

A. Spaghetti Dinner November 5th. The chorus dinner cost \$500 for supplies and cook. At admission price, it was unclear how the chorus made a sizable profit without additional donations during the dinner. Anne to inquire. A sign up sheet to 1) help organize or 2) help the night of the event will be circulated at the next PTA meeting.

B. Chevy's event date to be settled?

C. Behnke's fundraiser. Kirsten to follow up with Behnke's to set two dates: Mums in October, Holiday foliage in December.

D. Math/science night proposed for January.

E. Movie night might be best scheduled in the 'doldrums of winter.'

F. Chuck E Cheese: flier to be photocopied and sent in Monday packet

6. Washington Post Arts Grants

Agreement: PTA should definitely apply. Specific topic TBD.

7. Assemblies

A. Blue Sky Puppets to be organized

B. Washington Post Performing Arts Society – Anne waiting to hear back on prices

C. YoJo – PTA not likely to reschedule for this year.

8. Arts Committee

A. Reflections. The process is a bit stalled. The theme is "Wow." Need to distribute Reflections letter for parents and for teacher's mailboxes.

B. Arts night proposed for October 16th. An opportunity for children to come to school to make art. Collage, paint, crayons to be available. More details to come?