

**AGS PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 4, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm. Board members present were Lori Kessler, Ann Gerardi, Cathy Dremel, Denise Bautch, Mary Collins, Lisa Foydel Kramer, Jennifer Tonn, Amy Moore, Christine Ralston, and Kristy VanderLoon. Guests included ECC teacher representative Leeann Rodriguez and ECC parent representative Maureen Samsami, BEC members Jim Kirckhoff and Meg Humphrey, and Dr. Jack Barshinger.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Ann Gerardi made a motion to approve the December 7, 2009 board meeting minutes, Cathy Dremel seconded, all in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Nominating Committee for next year's PTO board positions needs to be formed. Jennifer Tonn and Lori Kessler will call some people and advertise in the Gazette. Need all the nominees by March 1.
- Flower sale: by March 1 need to decide on vendor.
- Fun Fair volunteers from outside AGS community OK.
- Leeann Rodriguez reported that ECC t-shirt fundraiser still on-going.

**President's Report:** Lori Kessler presented Jim Kirckhoff and Meg Humphrey from BEC. They are promoting the "no idling" campaign, and provided an update. They would like to see an educational push introduced with an overall school zone safety program. The BEC has put together a larger plan (as provided), which involves changing drivers' habits. The plan involves a cross-collaboration among the various groups. The BEC is looking for additional support – financial and people. Also presented some sign examples and data collection graphs. PTO still has \$50 earmarked for signage.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Ralston reported that the School Improvement Plan goal will focus on improving writing for the next 2 years. Grades K-2 will work on writing for 45 minutes/day; grades 3-5 will work on writing activities for 45-60 minutes/day. K-2 Winter Program concert will be on January 14 at 7pm at Rotolo; AGS spelling bee on January 14 at 9:10am. Various assessments/testing taking place in January. Received \$500 check from BP for PTO.

**Treasurer's Report:** Denise Bautch provided a financial update as of 12/31/09 (as presented). IRS Tax Report is due Feb. 15.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report:** Ann Gerardi reported that a winner was selected in the yearbook cover contest. The yearbook will be distributed by end of school year in June. Inter-State will come take candid photos on a date of our choosing.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report:** Cathy Dremel reported that the next special appropriations deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Classroom Support Report:** Amy Moore had nothing to report.

**Ways & Means Report:** Lisa Foydel Kramer reported that at the next movie night (January 29), the doors will open at 630pm, and the movie will start at 7pm. The Incredible Mr. Limpet will be shown. Pizza and hot dogs will be sold. The Spring dance is scheduled for April 16; Lisa found a DJ for \$150. Still need to work out timing, admission; sell drinks and snacks. Next "Dine Around Town" fundraiser is at California Pizza Kitchen on January 11 – 20% back to PTO with flyer.

**Communications Report:** Jennifer Tonn reported that the Gazette deadline is Tuesday January 5 at noon. Coverage of the holiday party service projects will be published in the Tribune Local.

**New Business:** One teacher expressed concern about the staff basket for the fun fair. There was discussion about a lack of communication between the fun fair committee and the PTO. Will ask Rick Manning to communicate fun fair decisions to Jennifer Tonn and Lisa Foydel Kramer.

Room parent distribution among classes and parties was discussed.

**Adjournment:** Ann Gerardi made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:25pm, Lisa Foydel Kramer seconded, all in favor.