

AGS PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm. Board members present were Lori Kessler, Ann Gerardi, Cathy Dremel, Denise Bautch, Mary Collins, Jennifer Tonn, Amy Moore, and Sandy Miller. Guests included Chris Winkle.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Cathy Dremel made a motion to approve the April 6, 2009 board meeting minutes, Denise Bautch seconded. All in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lori Kessler provided a copy of the District academic calendar. She suggested that the PTO calendar be included in the directory. If so, all the dates would need to be set in the early fall. We still need dates for book club, market day, pictures, and gator gold. Gator gallop will be Sept. 25 5-7:30pm. Ann Gerardi offered to be the chairperson and will talk to past coordinators Jennifer Bamrick and Christine Grendzinski as well as the teachers and Mrs. Ashby. The ice cream social will be the first Friday Aug. 28. We will have to get the message out on first day of school and have lots of signs and posters. New student tours are scheduled for Aug. 18 1-2pm and Aug. 19 6-7pm. See Amy to volunteer. A "Meet the PTO" coffee is scheduled for the first day of school Aug. 26 at 9am. The first PTO general meeting of the 09/10 school year is Sept. 17 at 7pm. Everyone will be invited to meet the new principal. The first movie night is Oct. 22 6-8pm; we will provide a survey to attendees to gauge how parents like the format. Other movie nights are scheduled for Jan. 22, Mar. 19, and May 14. Assume Lisa Foydel will coordinate. A home/small business expo will be Nov. 5 12-8pm in conjunction w/PTO conferences. A dance/social outing/sock hop type event is scheduled for April 16 6-8pm – we need a chairperson. The Fun Fair will be Feb. 26 5-8pm - theme to be decided. Lori suggested that we begin using a PTO closet key checkout form on which Diane or Cindi would note who checked out the key and when in order to help solve the problem of people going in the closet and taking things but not replacing them. Sandy said that would be fine. We should have another sign out sheet in the closet for the big items to make the users more accountable. BYB pancake breakfast is this Saturday May 9 at AGS.

BIC recap: 09/10 school year will be ok financially, but 10/11 school year will be financially tight so expect program and staffing cuts. The District will be looking at all programs for cuts. Cathy talked about the projector purchase and that we are still waiting for Tony Inglese to make a decision on what to purchase. Some phases of the high school construction have come in under budget, but the money came from the referendum so it has to be spent for the intended purposes. Class sizes will likely be getting a little bigger.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ann Gerardi had nothing to report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Cathy Dremel provided the draft 09/10 budget worksheet (see attachment) and a lot of discussion followed. Some suggestions were to remove cartridges for kids and sock hop from income, lower the expected income from the pictures & memory book. Because of our uncertainty, take out specific line items and have the money available for special appropriations, technology. Room parent funding (Marcie head room parent coordinator) – eliminate the per student stipend and redirect that money, standardize the grade level parties, stress simple. Teachers recommend cutting assemblies from 5 to 3, but Mrs. Miller recommends having 4 assemblies. Use profit from book fair for LRC. Cathy will talk to Mrs. Ashby. Keep teacher gifts. Lower Dine around town to \$400. Updated draft budget will be publicized in the Gazette.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Denise Bautch gave a financial update as of April 30, 2009. See attached. Need to update Quick Books for \$230.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Sandy Miller reported MAP testing will be done this week. RCBMs done today. F&P testing (comprehension) is ongoing. Bench is installed in front of building. Tree to be installed out front. 09/10: 4 sections for 3rd grade and 3 sections for 4th grade. Annie the musical will happen this week. Thanks for trust during flu scare. District office is trying to strike the right balance between caution and common sense.

Jason Ott will be here to help with a new AGS website. See LWS website. Summer school \$500 earmark will be under AGS control; also district may waive fees for needy families.

COMMUNICATION'S REPORT: Jennifer Tonn reported phone directory cover contest will run through May 20, so winner chosen by Mrs. Starzec can be announced at the PTO General Meeting. Winner will get a free ticket and throw out the first pitch at the Cougars game on July 27. Need to finalize the volunteer booklet and volunteer signup sheet by next week. Bulletin Board use needs to be decided.

WAYS & MEANS REPORT: Lisa Foydel was unable to attend. Cougars game July 27 6:30pm. AGS small business expo – small businesses and home-based businesses love to network at these events. We would rent interested vendors a table for ~\$40. Hope for ~25 vendors. First come, first serve for vendors, i.e., only one Pampered Chef seller will be allowed to participate.

CLASSROOM SUPPORT REPORT: Amy Moore reported teacher appreciation week is this week, breakfast was this morning. Lunch Thursday, apples Tuesday, treats Wednesday, Friday distribute gifts. New student tours and back to school coffee dates reported above in President's Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Miller retirement party is planned for May 17.

- Flower sale will take place Friday May 8 with delivery expected at 9am between the big trees on the south lawn. Jennifer will set up some canopies. Need more volunteers for the later part of the afternoon.
- Pond & courtyard cleanup crew will come in and remove some shrubs, someone Rick Manning knows will come in and look at the pond. Work could be scheduled during the summer. PTO funds that weren't used for the pond could be used for flowers.
- Scholastic contract – Chris Winkle provided a book fair report: last 4 or 5 years w/ Scholastic, (see attached information sheet); used voucher money from spring sales to buy books to raffle off; considering other options than Scholastic. Currently not under a contract. HCS school happy w/ Anderson because they can request certain titles/authors. HWS does fall sale w/ Anderson and spring sale w/Scholastic. RMS uses Scholastic. Chris will contact the HWS book fair coordinator and will look into the options more fully.
- No Idling campaign – no new info.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Clothing sale – with respect to CPSIA legislation, board consensus is to keep it as a fundraiser.
- Lifetouch contract and family portrait night - Ann Gerardi will follow up
- Chris Winkle encouraged the AGS PTO to continue supporting the Batavia Parent Academy.

ADJOURNMENT: Denise Bautch made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:45pm, Cathy Dremel seconded, all in favor.