

AGS PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Board members present were Lori Kessler, Ann Gerardi, Denise Bautch, Mary Collins, Jennifer Tonn, Amy Moore, Christine Ralston, and Valerie Riley. Guests included ECC teacher representative Susan Jones, ECC parent representative Maureen Samsami, and Shelby Mertes.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Denise Bautch made a motion to approve the November 2, 2009 board meeting minutes, Ann Gerardi seconded, all in favor.

Old Business: ECC t-shirt fundraiser – designs to be voted on before winter break.

President's Report: Lori Kessler will meet with Marcie Mefford to get a recap of all the winter parties.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Ralston asked for feedback on the Parent Teacher conferences. General consensus was that the conferences went well; parents appreciated having the book fair at the same time, appreciated having a little time between conferences. Mrs. Ralston's Professional Growth Plan will focus on communication – what are the areas we need to improve? Finger scan for hot lunch takes longer than old system. Nurse Shuck retired, and a new nurse will likely start in January.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Bautch provided a financial update as of 11/30/09 (as presented). Plan to return the unsold Gator Gold cards after mid December.

1st Vice President's Report: Ann Gerardi reported no yearbook cover submissions have been received yet, and are due December 11. Ann will see if our deadline could be extended.

2nd Vice President's Report: Cathy Dremel was unable to attend, but Denise Bautch reported that of the Special Appropriations that were denied during the November meeting, 2 tape players and 11 wireless presenters have been purchased, and the 11 sets of speakers will be purchased soon. The purchases were applied to the technology support budget.

Classroom Support Report: Amy Moore reported art appreciation is going well. Group discussion of the winter parties, service projects and craft projects.

Ways & Means Report: Lisa Foydel Kramer was unable to attend.

Communications Report: Jennifer Tonn reported the Gazette will be distributed electronically this week. It will be posted on the AGS PTO and the AGS websites.

New Business:

- Shelby Mertes discussed having PTO help purchase a therapeutic swing for the AGS playground; Price from Miracle is \$560 w/o delivery (\$144) or harness. Shelby will apply for a special appropriation in January.
- Spring Flower sale- Vendors including Shady Hill Gardens and Living Color have been contacted, third vendor via Cathy Dremel, and Maureen suggested we contact We Grow Dreams in West Chicago for a quote.
- Jennifer Tonn opened a discussion of ways the 5th graders could be better prepared for the transition to 6th grade, for the kids to learn to be more accountable. Mrs. Ralston reported that *PowerSchool* will be available in January for parents to be able to follow their children's grades, attendance, classroom news, etc.
- Fun Fair volunteers – can they be non-AGS family? Mrs. Ralston will find out what the policy is.

Adjournment: Ann Gerardi made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:19pm, Amy Moore seconded, all in favor.