

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM with a motion from Brian Nallenweg and a second from Melinda Taschetta-Millane. Members present were Molly Haworth, Melinda Taschetta-Millane, Dr. Jan Wright, Karine Picchietti, Brian Nallenweg, Sue Locke, Karen Nellis, Tamara Ashby, Jill Stevens, Dana Andrews, and Amy Fehrenbacher.

Secretary's Report: Brian Nallenweg made a motion to approve minutes from the December meeting. Molly Haworth made a second. All were in favor. Amy Fehrenbacher reported that she is now set up on Meetingwizard.com. Meetingwizard will allow for the relay of information regarding upcoming meetings, as well as providing a means for online voting if needed. Information can go through Amy to be sent out to members.

1st Vice President's Report: Dana Andrews reported that she is currently working on donations for the Fun Fair's Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle. In doing so, she applied for a grant through Wal-Mart and was awarded \$1000. Technically, the grant is to be used for technology, but will be added to the bottom-line profit for the Fun Fair. Dana shared that she will be meeting soon with the Yearbook committee.

2nd Vice President's Report: Molly Haworth reported that she attended a Special Appropriations meeting today at 5:00PM. They met to discuss approval of the three appropriation requests. Results were as follows: 1.) Pedometers for the walking club being requested by Mr. Park: The committee approved 25 pedometers for a total cost of \$642.65. 2.) Extra tables being requested by Angel Balderas: The committee discussed purchasing 6 long white tables at a cost of \$50.81 each from Office Depot. 3.) Student Publishing Center requested by Tamara Ashby: This center for publishing student work will total \$450.00 after the \$200.00 grant from Batavia Foundation.

*The Special Appropriation Committee has suggested that all three appropriations be approved.

In addition, Molly stated that Friday is the deadline for requesting January Special Appropriations. It was decided that due to time constraints, Tamara Ashby will promote the March appropriation date instead. Molly reminded members that grants from the Batavia Foundation and Batavia Mother's Club are coming up in March. Jill Stevens will contact Lisa Foydel to see if the PTO is eligible to apply.

Communication's Report: Melinda Taschetta-Millane questioned the status of the Courtyard Beautification Project, and Karine suggested we shelve this project for the moment. Otherwise, there was nothing new to report from Melinda.

ECC Report: Karen reported that the letter for the Fun Fair baskets was received and will be going out. Jill Stevens discussed plans for an early opening of the Fun Fair (4PM) for ECC students. This would allow appropriate ECC students the opportunity for a more low-key time at the Fun Fair. Jill will put together a letter addressing this, aiming for the beginning of February.

Teacher Liaison's Report: Tamara Ashby shared that a group of teachers are reading a book by Steven Layne, and he will be coming to AGS on February 9th. She reports that the staff has been busy getting students ready for his visit. The LRC will be hosting special reading events to get the children more familiarized with his books. Steven Layne will be doing two assemblies, as well as talking with teachers. The basic premise of his visit is getting children excited about reading. In addition, Tamara reports that there will be a Thomas Edison assembly on February 25th. With the quarter ending next week, there is a lot of assessing going on. Winter MAPS will be the week of January 23rd.

Treasure's Report: Brian Nallenweg reports that he received a check from General Mills for \$1356 for Box Tops. Gator Gold shows \$477 made in profit with approximately \$5300 still tied up in inventory. Tom&Eddy's will be sending a check. Finally, Brian reports that \$41,325.00 is the actual balance we are at right now.

Classroom Support's Report: Jill Stevens reports that the winter parties were very well done with great donations going out to lots of different organizations. There was great feedback from both students and parents regarding the service-oriented nature of the parties. Jill will be putting together something to share with the AGS community all that the students accomplished. Regarding the Fun Fair, donations are coming in. Jill is very excited about the decoration committee---decorations are ahead of schedule with two more decorating parties planned. Jill reports that the out-sourcing appears to be working well. Overall, there is a lot of excitement about the Fun Fair this year. Currently, she is working to consolidate all of the Fun Fair information which will be sent to Melinda Taschetta-Millane. Jill states that Spirit Week is coming; it will be four days leading up to the Fun Fair. Finally, Mary Jenson is presenting a tropical/Hawaiian themed musical involving 1st and 2nd graders, and she has asked for permission to borrow decorations. Members gave approval.

Ways and Means Report: Sue Locke reports that the “Race to Nowhere,” movie has been cancelled secondary to news that the theater will no longer be available. This project will need to be postponed until possibly fall, but it was recommended that it be rescheduled as soon as possible, as the theater is in high demand. Sue will speak to Grace McWayne and follow-up with board members next month. Jill Stevens reminded members that it is time to set the Cougars date. Sue has offered to take over this responsibility. The next movie night will feature “Rio,” on January 27th.

President’s Report (with Principal’s report included): Karine Picchietti discussed the BIC meeting she attended this month—focus was the district’s shift to a technology mind-set. This included a presentation on technology by Tony Inglesis. He shared that Batavia has infrastructure in place, and the district is ready to go forward with technology. The next BIC meeting is scheduled for March 3rd. Karine provided board members with an overview of our “big purchase,” technology project. She shared that after meeting with Dr. Wright; they have decided to organize 7 teams: K-5(6) and ECC (1). Dr. Wright further specified that it will be an expectation that teachers use the technology to engage students; and, ultimately, she wants to avoid people not utilizing what they are given. An open discussion ensued regarding this project.

New Business:

*Karine Pichietti proposed a motion to move to allocate \$17, 500.00 for the use of technology, broken up into 7 teams getting \$2500 each. Brian Nallenweg seconded the motion. All were in favor---motion passes.

*Courtyard: Karine moved to allocate \$1500 for the purpose of making the AGS courtyard grass so Building and Grounds will take over maintenance. Jill Stevens made a second. The motion passes.

* Special Appropriation—Pedometers: Molly Haworth made a motion to purchase 25 pedometers for the AGS Walking Club at a total cost of \$642.45. Jill Stevens made a second. All were in favor---the motion passes.

*Special Appropriation—extra tables requested by Angel Balderas: Molly Haworth made a motion to pass the purchase of 6 long, white tables at a cost of \$50.84/table. Jill Stevens made a second. All were in favor---the motion passes.

*Special Appropriation—Publishing Center requested by Tamara Ashby: Molly Haworth made a motion to purchase the center for a total of \$453.19. Dana Stevens made a second. All were in favor---the motion passes.

Further new business for next month included possible grants from the Batavia Foundation and Batavia Mother’s Club.

Adjournment: The next PTO meeting is scheduled for February 13th. Karine Picchietti made a motion to adjourn at 8:40PM. Brian made a second. Meeting was adjourned.