

## PTO GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2012

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM. Members present were Tamara Ashby, Sue Locke, Dr. Jan Wright, Brian Nallenweg, Karine Picchiatti, Jill Stevens, Molly Haworth, Melinda Taschetta-Millane, and Dana Andrews. Cathy Dremel attended as a guest.

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting minutes for the January meeting were denied. Changes need to be made to the January budget, as well as the number of tables in the Special Appropriation request of Angel Balderas. Amy Fehrenbacher will make the necessary changes and follow-up with members.

**Guest:** Cathy Dremel spoke about the Flower Sale. She reported that she is currently meeting with the company, but anticipates that the sale will be essentially as it was last year. The pick-up will be scheduled for the beginning of May.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report:** Dana Andrews provided an update on the Yearbook. The order form will be going home with students on March 1, 2012 with a due date of 3/16/12. The plan is for delivery in April. Dana states that Interstate was at the school last week and everything appeared to go very well. Dana also spoke about possible grants through The Batavia Foundation and The Batavia Mother's Club. Dana will pursue the grant through the Mother's Club—which is technology based—and Dr. Jan Wright will oversee. Jill Stevens reported that the PTO can apply for grants through both organizations; forms are due 3/15/12. Sue Locke agreed to look into the grant through BFFE; Cathy Dremel is the rep. The possibility of using the grant for a sound system in the gym was discussed. Dr. Wright will get in touch with Hoover-Wood regarding their sound system grant. The plan will be for Sue and Dr. Wright to work together on this.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report:** Molly Haworth will head-up the Beautification Project (AGS Courtyard). She will be speaking with Buildings and Grounds (Pat Brown is contact: 630-937-8812; [Pat.brown@bps101.net](mailto:Pat.brown@bps101.net)). Molly will work with Dr. Wright on this meeting; Molly prefers early morning to meet, perhaps around 7:30AM.

**Classroom Support's Report:** Jill Stevens reported that plans for the Fun Fair are going very well. The classroom baskets are looking awesome. The auction team will be meeting for final preparations; Chris

Masus is helping out with the auction organization. Jill was excited to report that a Bulldog baseball jersey—to be signed by all the Bulldogs—just came in for auction. The Fun Fair volunteer forms will be going out. In addition, a cake donation has gone out for the teachers, and a volunteer sign-up sheet has been posted in the teachers' lounge. Jill reports that the ECC has received their special invitation, and the Fun Fair will be opening early for these students at 4PM. Jill reports that Spirit Week will be happening the week of 2/27—it is a four day week and themes will include “silly hat day,” “team jersey,” “alien,” and “Rock star.” Yearbook pictures will be needed. March 12<sup>th</sup> is the meeting for Teacher Appreciation Week. The date for this event will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

**Communication's Report:** Melinda Taschetta-Millane reported that the Gazette will be going out a week late, March 9<sup>th</sup>, so the Fun Fair can do their recap. Submission is Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Jan Wright spoke about author Steven Layne's visit to AGS. He met with K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades first, and then the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. He talked about how he became a writer and also discussed the importance of revision, particularly student revision, in writing. Dr. Wright also spoke on Mutual Ground's program of “Safe Touches” which will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Dr. Wright reports that there was an informative meeting for parents regarding this program which was attended by approximately 20 people. It was confirmed that 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Cole Hemmes will have a spot for his charity blanket sale at the Fun Fair.

**Teacher Liaison's Report:** Tamara Ashby reported that MAP testing has been completed; the LRC was not closed at all. She will communicate Special Appropriation information to the teachers.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brian Nallenweg reported that Gator Gold is currently at \$1211---budget is for \$1250. He states we will make the budget. Brian reports the bottom line to be \$41,892.63 in the bank.

**Ways and Means Report:** Sue Locke provided an update on the Market Day situation. She states that Market Day has consistently been reaching approximately 20 families, but currently this is down to 19; roughly \$125. So, the question is how to boost this program. During discussion, the idea of a survey was brought up—questions could include things such as price and pick-up time. Dr. Wright offered to put together this survey. Sue reports that year-to-date Market Day has made \$900, which would be about 2 iPads. She will be checking to see how other schools handle Market Day. Sue believes that the issue with Market Day is reaching more people, and she is willing to work on this. Regarding the Cougars outing, the date has been set for August 7<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday night. It is a \$2 Tuesday. Sue reports that she likes this date from a marketing standpoint---Cougars are charging for parking (\$5/car) but Mike

is giving us a break of \$1 off. Also, the Cougars donated a VIP suite, and we get to throw out the first pitch. The opportunity to throw out the first pitch at the game will be raffled-off at the Fun Fair. Information on the Cougars Game will be going home with students after the Flower Sale. Sue also confirmed that Ozzie will be making an appearance at Field Day. Regarding school supply kits, quotes were finalized and faxed to the school this past Monday. Sue reports that order forms for all grades will be going out to families on 3/1/12 including Kindergarten, available after Kindergarten Preview. Orders will be due March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and parents will be able to pay by cash, check, or order online. The website will actually remain open two weeks past the due date for those people who are late in ordering. Payment to School Toolbox will be due by June 1<sup>st</sup>; it will be rounded up to the next dollar. Sue stated that supply boxes will be delivered in mid-August and placed in classrooms like last year. The next Movie Night is scheduled for 3/16/12 with movie TBD. Sue reported that Market Day reps will be at Movie Night for a tasting. Goal is to improve awareness of this program. Since CiCi's is now gone, Sue states that we are looking for a new pizza place. Daddio's night had a decent turnout, about what was expected. The Spring Dance is still a work in progress. The date is set for April 20<sup>th</sup>, budget is \$350 (last year's total was \$316). Finally, Sue states that she is continuing to work on a showing of, "Race to Nowhere."

**President's Report:** Karine reports that Kids Campus 101 has been removed from the Gazette. A Nominating committee is in place for PTO open positions. The committee will be meeting to fill 2 open positions.

**Adjournment:** Tamara Ashby made a motion to adjourn. Sue Locke made a second. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.