

Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting-Tuesday, December 7, 2010
Lewis Cafeteria
Members: 15 Non-members: 2

President Jeanette Finley called meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Meeting minutes from November were presented for review and approved.

Treasurer Bill Fitzgerald presented updated budget, noted there will be an added line item for Art Attack curriculum of \$1337.

Budget is always available for up to date viewing at:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=ttVuxKBatq1MtsqdXR1Uf7g&authkey=CNHO4bMG&hl=en#gid=0>

-We made a small profit at the PJ Dance; profit numbers are coming in from recent events (Holiday Bazaar, etc)

Speaker: Tim Lauer

-Presented information regarding School Modernization bond measure that will appear on May 2011 election ballot. For Lewis, proposed improvements over time include: converting boiler to natural gas, covered outdoor play area, increased ADA accessibility, updated learning technology, redo rigging on stage, and building security/keyless entry. For more info: www.pps.k12.or.us and click on "School Modernization" link.

Committee Reports

-Patty Jay will chair the Talent Show this year/next year. Proposed date is May 13th with rehearsals to start sometime in April. We are looking for a person to run sound.

Lewis Dines Out

Pappachino's raised \$290 and tonight's fundraiser is Papa Murphy's.(12/7)

Holiday Bazaar

Jen Neitzel discussed communication issue with treasurer that resulted in extended delays meeting deadlines to pay vendors. Vendors **extremely** disappointed they were not paid in a timely manner, we need better communication and safeguards put in place so this does not occur again. PTA board will coordinate with Jen to follow-up with vendors to listen to their future needs (survey?), and board will send out letter expressing accountability/apology. One idea is for lead person chairing event to mentor person who takes over the following year.

Family Dance

Cyndi reported the dance went smoothly, we need to coordinate chair/event earlier in the year, did make small profit this year.

Communications Committee

Rebecca reports that the Jan. PTA meeting will include inviting volunteers for remaining school events this year, open house/mixer prior to meeting start, reintroduce PTA board, invite people to join.

Book Fair

This Thursday/Friday, Wallace Books (parent of child at Lewis) will be in library before and after school (8:30-9:00 a.m. and 2:45-3:30 p.m.) We switched to local vendor from Scholastic due to challenge of spending Scholastic funds.

Percentage of funds donated from Wallace Books sale to be determined and will be reported in Lewis newsletter.

Grant Writing

Julie LaRoche reports the focus this year is to support technology, replace teacher's laptops. The tree planting project is looking to raise funds to complete Phase II which involves a bioswale on north side of parking lot and "Lewis Gateway" entrance for bikes with signage and a gravel path to promote bike safety. Projected total need is \$26K, we've received \$8,800 in grants.

5th Grade Camp

Maria reports we have a \$5000 gap in funding for camp to make up for private donation that was given in the past. It costs \$18,600 for every student/chaperone to attend Camp Attitude May 31st-June 3rd. Upcoming fundraising events to support scholarship fund/general fund include Student Store every Friday (starts after Winter Break), Japanese erasers at Crafty Wonderland, rummage sale (organized by Angie Toops) and possibility of skate/pizza party at Mt. Scott (Cass).

Walk & Bike

Lenny needs helps/volunteers the first Thursday of every month. Next W/B day is Jan. 6th.

Announcements

Daniel will do Bingo night this year.

According to Julia, trees are arriving Feb 7th with planting starting on the 8th. Help is needed and each classroom will have an opportunity to plant a tree.

Helping Hands-the current people who provide this service will be retiring this year, we need new people to help out teachers on Mondays, and the school is planning a special thank you.

Jason Franke requested two large stockpots and spoons for parents who cook for events and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Oona Baker
PTA Secretary

