

October 2009 PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2009

Call to Order: Theresa Keenan-Flite

Family Fall Festival: Stacey Perkins from Parent Council reports that four schools from Abington School District participated in running 2 games in 1 trailer during the Fall Festival. The total profit made from these games was \$2903, which means that Copper Beech's PTA earned \$725.75.

President's Report: Theresa Keenan-Flite reports that both Open Houses at Copper Beech were a great success! The Parent-Teacher Liaison meeting was held this week. The Liaison for your child's class will be in touch with you soon! After the Parent-Teacher Liaison meeting, a parent went to their child's classroom, which is not allowed and was not advised or endorsed by the PTA. Please do not ever go to your child's classroom unless you have been cleared to do so by the teacher and the office first! Up-coming Local Events: 10/13 is Picture Day. 10/17 is the Drive-thru flu vaccination clinic at the Abington Senior High School. Registration is required. Vaccinations are free for children 6 months to 18 years old, people over 50 years old, and at-risk people. 10/8 is Elementary School Night at the Abington Senior High Football Game. See the Abington Community Task Force Web Site for more events and details.

President Elect's Report: Dianna Pax reports that the Abington Gifted Education meeting is at 7:30pm on 10/12. Check out math tutorials on Copper Beech's website (go to Parents → Everyday Math → FAQ → Computation). There are even videos that show you how to do problems!

Administrative Reports:

Dr. Kline reports that Open House went well. Thank you for the lovely flowers and plants in front of the school! The Fall Festival went great! Our first assembly will be next week – “The Brain Show.” The fifth grade will have a visiting author, Trenton Lee Stewart. The Halloween parade will be on 10/30 at 2pm. Look for a flyer coming home soon. No masks please!

Mrs. Johnson reports that Math Plus groups will begin in mid-October. Math Remedial groups will begin next week. If you need help helping your child with their math homework, have them bring home their SRB – every student has one!

Mrs. McFadden reports that the turn out was great for Open House!

By-Laws: Dianna Pax calls for a vote to approve the newly modified By-Laws. They are approved. September's PTA Meeting Minutes are approved.

Paper Usage: As has been requested by several parents at Copper Beech, the PTA is attempting to reduce our paper usage. We need your ideas! We are looking into an option for parents to list one child that you wish to have all PTA papers sent home with. We are also looking into an “opt-out” of paper for those parents who would like to receive an email instead. We need volunteers to help out with this endeavor! Details to follow...

Adult Social: “Family Friendly” ideas in lieu of the previous years' “Adult Social” are encouraged. We will also need someone to coordinate this event.

Muffins with Mom: Thank you for all who have volunteered!

Donuts with Dad will be taking place in two weeks!

Pizza Night: 10/16 – volunteers are needed!

Fall Festival: 10/16 – Look for a two-sided flyer coming home soon!

Display My Art: Artwork is going out. Magnets and order forms will be coming home at the end of October or the beginning of November.

Sally Foster: Order deadline extended to Tuesday, October 13. Sales are light this year. Delivery will be on Wednesday, October 28. Flyers will only be going home to those who ordered.

Book Fair: 11/9 – 11/13 – Volunteers needed! **Family Fun Night** is 11/13.

Scholastic News and Time, for kids: the first subscriptions should be in.

Movie Night: 11/20 – Title is to be determined.

6th Grade Activities: Halloween Social is coming up! Cookie Dough Fundraiser is coming up. Check out our website: cb6thgrade@yahoo.com.

Cougar Chronicles: Articles due October 9 to Maureen Coyle.

Assemblies: Thank you, Loretta Fox, for coordinating the assemblies for this year!

Market Day: Jessica Fuller encourages everyone to try some of the goodies from Market Day that she provided at tonight's meeting. Volunteers are needed! Register online and receive coupons, discount codes, reminders. Teresa Hughes is co-chair.

Kerri Meenagh, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, speaks in regard to the H1N1 virus and vaccine.

Next PTA meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2009
Support CB's 5th and 6th grade Student Council's Food Drive
by bringing any canned food donations to the meeting!