

March 2009 PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2009

Call to Order: Nicole Wylie

Guest Speaker: Terry Crane, Home Mortgage Consultant, gives an overview of current market trends and the Home Mortgage industry. In short, now is a great time to buy or refinance, and for those in trouble, help is on the way.

Treasurer's Report: Erin Brown reports that with her ongoing effort to make the budget reports more understandable, she has created a new monthly report (available on the back table at the meeting and upon request) for the PTA which breaks down exactly where the PTA's money is going and gives specific information concerning the fundraisers.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Judy Wacker points out the many Thank you notes which are displayed around the library from the staff and students in regards to the Listening Centers and Promethean Boards which were purchased by the PTA. She reads a couple of the Thank you notes out loud.

Administrative Report: Mr. Etlén reports that the PSSA's for grades 3 -6 will take place on 3/16 – 3/23. There will be no instrumental music lesson during that time except for third grade's. "Crazy Day" is tomorrow (3/13). "Beach Day" will be on 4/3. Parent/Teacher conferences will be 3/31 – 4/2. Class photos will be 4/15 and 4/16. The Jazz Band visited grades 5 and 6 – it was a real treat!

Teacher's Report: Ms. Philippi thanks the PTA again for the Listening Centers and Promethean Boards!

Co-President's Report: Loretta Fox calls out for Volunteers for the following events – Annual PTA Audit, Boys Night Out, Gold Rush Casino Night, Spring Fair, and Celebrate the Arts! A nominating committee needs to be assembled with Marybeth Malfara for next year's PTA board. Two additional people are needed for the committee. The positions that need to be filled are President-Elect, First Vice President, Third Vice President (if Suzy Lopolito is elected for the President-Elect position), and Corresponding Secretary. Some nominees have already been identified, including Suzy Lopolito for President-Elect and Traci Simmons for Third Vice President. Training for PTA Board members is voted on and approved to be added to upcoming years' Budget. Training for 3 Board members for this year (approximately \$250 for 1 day of training conference, with the \$ to be taken from our surplus) was also unanimously approved. The Annual Budget Meeting may be May 4, off site, at 7:30pm. This date is subject to change. Loretta reports that there is a proposed copy of the By-Laws on the back table. They will also be available on the PTA's website. Please review them. A vote for their approval will be at the May PTA meeting. Also available are the newly drafted Standing Rules.

Committee Reports:

Boys Night Out: Nicole Wylie reports that Boys Night Out (previously the Mother-Son Social) is intended for CB boys and their mothers (or special someone). It should be a great time! Friday, March 20.

Gold Rush Casino Night: Ellen DeStefano encourages everyone to buy their tickets now as they are in limited supply! There will be 25 gift baskets. Grand prizes include a trip to Orlando (includes 4 Park passes) and a trip to Cape May. Volunteers needed.

Spring Fair: Lois Odabas, co-coordinator for the Spring Fair, reports that VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED!

Celebrate the Arts: Loretta Fox reports that this event is completely free (not a fundraiser). The theme this year is *A Night in Italy*. However, if we don't get volunteers for this event, it may not take place. So, please, volunteer to help!

Sixth Grade Activities: Marybeth Malfara reports that the Bowling Party was FUN! There is a skating party coming up for the end of the year. ORDER STOMBOLIS for our fundraiser! In a month and a half, there will be a meeting held for 5th grade parents to form next year's 6th Grade Activities committee.

Publishing Center: Lisa Michaels reports that all is going very well down at the busy PC Center. Volunteers are welcome for a fun experience!

Question and Answer Period: A situation concerning the 4th grade at recess today is raised by parents and addressed by Mr. Etlén. Mr. Etlén reports that the situation is being looked into. Additional concerns are raised and addressed.

Our next PTA meeting will be our **Annual Men's Crew and Spring Fair Prep Meeting** on
Thursday, April 16th at 7:30pm, convening **outside the Art Rooms**.