

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 14

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Members present were Amy Fehrenbacher, Jill Stevens, Dana Andrews, Molly Haworth, Karine Picchietti, Dr. Jan Wright, Sue Locke, Nichole Woodruff, Karen Nellis, and Brian Nallenweg.

Secretary's Report: Brian Nallenweg made a motion to approve minutes from the October 2011 meeting. All were in favor. Amy Fehrenbacher had nothing new to report.

1st Vice President's Report: Dana Andrews provided a Spirit Wear update. Orders are currently being taken online with sale ending on Friday. Dana reports that orders are scheduled to come in the week of December 12th. Regarding the Yearbook, all contest entries are due in tomorrow.

2nd Vice President's Report: Molly Haworth discussed requests she has received for special appropriations. Such requests include: 1) funding for the creation of the AGS Publishing Center, which is being requested by Tamara Ashby and costing approximately \$650 2) 6-8 tables being requested by Angel Balderas and 3) 40 pedometers requested for the AGS Walking Club with a cost of roughly \$20 each. Regarding the pedometer request, Molly suggested researching a grant to help with the cost. Molly will pursue approval through the Finance Committee.

President's Report: Karine Picchietti reminded members of the upcoming Parent Academy seminar featuring Rosalind Wiseman as guest speaker. Karine also discussed the confusion over which school entrance to use during after-school hours. Dr. Wright explained that for big events both doors are open, but she will work to develop a standard door policy.

Communication's Report: Karine Picchietti provided members with a report from Melinda Taschetta-Millane. December Gazette content is due Friday, December 18th. Student directories are expected from the printer any day. And, finally, the new website, including email, is up and running.

Principal's Report: Dr. Wright handed out a results overview from the parent survey regarding the AGS PTO Funding Project. Technological tools appeared to be the clear choice. Dr. Wright explained that the

next step would be to answer questions concerning how we prioritize and logistically spend the money. She further stressed the importance of making it an expectation that everyone use the technology tools. At this point in the process it was decided that Dr. Wright will set up a meeting with the staff and Tony, and a demonstration for board members. Meeting with Tony will be valuable as he can speak on the direction that the district is headed in terms of technology. Dr. Wright also asked for feedback regarding the articles she contributes to the Gazette. And, it was confirmed that Hoover-Wood is, indeed, welcome to borrow the clothing racks from the AGS Clothing Sale.

Early Childhood Center's Report: Karen Nellis reported that the ECC Parent Conferences were completed with 98% attendance. They have also successfully completed their first Parent Education Night with a very good turnout. Karine Picchietti brought up the possibility of opening up Parent Ed Night to AGS as a whole. Dr. Wright suggested that information regarding this ECC function could be sent out through Messenger. Karen also shared that Thursday is the next scheduled Preschool screening day.

Teacher Liaison's Report: Nichole Woodruff reported that CiCi's Pizza Night is the same night as the teacher bell ringing. So, AGS staff will be ringing bells and caroling outside of CiCi's. Melinda Tashetta-Millane will get CiCi's Pizza Night information out. Nichole also stated that Parent Conferences were completed with a good turn-out.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Nallenweg stated that teacher checks have all been issued. It was decided that the bad check from the Clothing Sale will be pursued.

Classroom Support's Report: Jill Stevens reported that feedback from the Halloween parties and costume parade was all very positive. Winter party planning has begun, and it will once again be service project oriented. The Fun Fair kick-off meeting took place last Monday, and Jill reports that all committees have been filled. Jill, along with Sue Locke, shared the possibility of using an outside agency for the games this year. Basically, for a fee of \$2400, a company will bring in and set up 16 different games including bouncy houses, as well as a cotton candy machine and ice. One advantage of utilizing this outside agency would be the opportunity to introduce newer and more interesting games. We would still be able to run a pop and cake walks ourselves. With this system, volunteers will still be required to run the games, but the set up and tear down would be handled by the agency. Jill will research this idea further, but she reports that we are currently in a very good position to give this a try this year. The Fun Fair theme is, "Gators In Space."

Ways and Means Report: Sue Locke reported that Book Fair sales, at approximately \$1300, were down from last year. Thoughts were that perhaps this was simply a bad week for the sale. There was also some concern over a possible lack of communication in terms of letting parents know when classrooms were scheduled to visit the fair. Regarding the most recent Movie Night, Sue reported that we did make money---\$33.94 netted---and explained that there were a lot of up-front costs. There will be four more movies shown this year. The next one is scheduled for December 9th, and it will be “Mr. Popper’s Penguins.” Sue reported that business from Tom&Eddie’s was said to be slow according to the store manager. However, parents did seem to like having two days for this event. Daddio’s will be occurring the 1st week of February; Sue will follow up with the exact date. Market Day brought in \$157.47. Sue stated that Market Day does need more volunteers, and she will be talking to Melinda Taschetta-Millane about getting this information out. Sue talked briefly about BIC meeting she attended, and the need to set up some type of schedule as to who will be representing AGS at these meetings. We will also need to determine just when it is the responsibility of AGS to host this event. Hoover- Wood is next on the schedule for hosting, but an AGS hosting should be coming up. PTO discussion from BIC included VIP Days and Reading Nights, as well as PTO fundraising. Sue also shared that there is a need to have parents correct their current email addresses. Finally, Sue discussed a desire to host a screening of “Road to Nowhere” at the BHS Fine Arts Center. Perhaps this could even be done in conjunction with another school. This idea was met with enthusiasm, and a target date of sometime in January or February was discussed. Sue will follow-up with additional information at the next meeting.

New Business: No new business to report at this time.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm. Dana Andrews made a motion. Sue Locke made a second. All were in favor.