

AGS PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Board members present were Lori Kessler, Ann Gerardi, Cathy Dremel, Denise Bautch, Lisa Foydel Kramer, Jennifer Tonn, Amy Moore, Christine Ralston, and Valerie Riley. Guests included ECC teacher representative Susan Jones, ECC parent representative Maureen Samsami, PTO Board President-nominee Rick Manning and PTO Board Treasurer-nominee Brian Nallenweg.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Lisa Foydel made a motion to approve the February 1, 2010 board meeting minutes, Cathy Dremel seconded, all in favor.

President's Report: Lori Kessler reported that there are no nominees for either the 2nd Vice President or the Communications board positions. Jennifer Tonn suggested that if, in the event that no one takes on the Communications position, she would be willing to (a) continue overseeing the Newsletter Committee which includes producing the Gazette through the end of the school year 2011 (or until a Communications Director or Newsletter Committee chair is found, whichever comes first), (b) continue as part of the Membership Committee by compiling the PTO Volunteer Handbook and Volunteer Sign-up Sheet that is included with student registration materials, (but not oversee the actual creation and publication of the Student Directory), and (c) continue as part of the Publicity Committee by sending press releases about PTO activities/accomplishments to local papers. She would not, however, attend board meetings or maintain the bulletin board in the school lobby. [Post-meeting addendum: Lori Kessler has agreed to be nominated for 2nd VP.]

Old Business:

- Spring flower sale: Jennifer Tonn informed the Board that the sale has begun. Order forms are due 3/19. Extra forms are in the school office. The final order will be made on 4/2. Jennifer and Cathy Dremel, as past coordinators of the event, will decide on an amount to spend on the cash and carry sale. The budget income from the sale is \$4,000, last year's sale netted \$3100.

1st Vice President's Report: Ann Gerardi reported that orders for the school yearbook are due Friday, March 5th. The yearbook committee has received many photographs to use in the book, including shots from the fun fair. The book will be completed and ready for production prior to the start of our spring break.

2nd Vice President's Report: Cathy Dremel reported that the next Special Appropriations ("SA") deadline is March 15th and expressed concern that there isn't a candidate to take over the 2nd VP role. Cathy will neither be able to preside over the next finance committee meeting to review the SA requests nor will she be able to write next year's budget.

Communications Report: Jennifer Tonn reported that the Gazette will be distributed Friday, and the deadline for submissions for this month's issue is Wednesday at noon.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Ralston thanked the PTO for an enjoyable 1st fun fair. There were two injury incidents that night, but no incident reports filed. Mrs. Ralston reported that AGS earned a spot on the Illinois Honor Roll for its 2009 results of English/Language Arts and Math ISATs. ISATs begin this week. The School Board has asked school principals to build budget scenarios for use when state funding levels are known. The School Board approved a fee-based extended day Kindergarten for 2010-2011.

Classroom Support Report: Amy Moore reported that Amy Fehrenbacher will take on the role of Art Appreciation for the next school year, Marcie Mefford will continue as Head Room Parent Coordinator and Jill Stevens is the Board nominee for Classroom Support. Amy noted that her job description is complete; she has sent a copy to Mary Collins and

will forward the same to Jill Stevens. Marcie Mefford has scheduled a Head Room Parent meeting for Teacher Appreciation Week (the 1st week of May).

Treasurer's Report: Denise Bautch provided a financial update as of 2/28/10 (as presented). Denise provided a snapshot of the fun fair profits and expenses. The budgeted income for the event was \$6000; depending upon final expenses, we may net approximately \$5200. Mr. Jugenitz sent a thank you card and \$200 personal check to the PTO. Mrs. Ralston asked if the \$250 check received from BYB could be used for the Jump Start program. A check from Sheller Inc. was received for \$19.65, for which there is no reference. Our most recent McCare night brought in approx. \$6.50, Market Day earned about \$62.00. Shelby Mertes will inquire with the Batavia Mother's Club as to whether they would partner with the AGS PTO Board in the purchase of the adaptive swing for our playground. This may result in the request for this swing being a Fall SA. Tamra Ashby has spent \$1K on special collection books for the LRC.

Ways & Means Report: Lisa Foydel Kramer reported that the next movie night is scheduled for March 19, the movie is "Bedtime Stories" and it will be billed as a pajama party – students are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a pillow. Posters advertising the event need to be updated to include both the film's PG rating and a note about how parents must attend with their children. There was a discussion on how to address children wandering or misbehaving, and the proposed menu. Soda for movie night may have been used during the Fun Fair. Mary Collins will address with the appropriate parties. The final Dine Around Batavia will take place next Monday, March 8th at Cici's Pizza.

New Business:

- Wizard's Apprentice Assembly scheduled for 3/17 at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.
- ECC – Susan Jones reported that a logo has been chosen for the ECC t-shirts. Order forms should be sent out before spring break. Susan shared that the ECC hosted a Language Development parent education night the week prior, which was well-attended and well-received. Another such event is scheduled for April.
- Spring book fair posters read "Buy One, Get One"; however, traditionally this sale has been a half-price book sale. Lisa Foydel said she would contact Chris Winkle regarding this discrepancy. Chris Winkle replied, after the meeting, that indeed the sale is run as a half-price book sale and that we have historically altered the signs provided by Scholastic to support our sale.

Adjournment: Lisa Foydel made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m., Cathy Dremel seconded, all in favor.