

AGS PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Board members present were Lori Kessler, Ann Gerardi, Cathy Dremel, Denise Bautch, Mary Collins, Lisa Foydel Kramer, Jennifer Tonn, Amy Moore, Christine Ralston, and Valerie Riley. Guests included ECC teacher representative Leeann Rodriguez, Book Fair Coordinator Chris Winkle, and Room Parent Coordinator Marcie Mefford.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Cathy Dremel made a motion to approve the January 4, 2010 board meeting minutes, Denise Bautch seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

- Woodman's cards for Gator Gold – Mary Collins to place order for \$5000.
- Cathy Dremel provided a list of additional names for nominations for board positions. Jennifer Tonn will make the calls. Names of existing nominees are posted on the bulletin board. Still need nominees for Treasurer and 2nd VP.
- Fun Fair baskets haven't received many donations. Mrs. Ralston will send a messenger, and publicize in the Gazette.

President's Report: Lori Kessler reported that a building inspection by the Regional Office of Education will take place next Tuesday, and "cluttered storage spaces" are in violation. The PTO will clean up the PTO closet this Friday.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Ralston reported that this Thursday is the Lichtenheld visit. Assessments are done, ISATs will be in March. Generally good feedback on parking lot/drive thru changes. Plan to have a boot camp to teach children procedures for drop-off/pick-up. Discussion of BEPR priority rankings. Val Riley thanked the PTO volunteers for their help during the testing last week.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Bautch provided a financial update as of 1/31/10 (as presented). Taxes have been submitted to our accountant, Mr. McBeath. BYB submitted a \$250 check to the PTO for their use of the school for their pancake breakfast, discussion of where to apply it in the budget. Movie night did well. Marketday earned \$107.

1st Vice President's Report: Ann Gerardi reported order forms for yearbook will be sent home soon. Ann still needs pictures to be submitted.

2nd Vice President's Report: Cathy Dremel reported information from the last BIC meeting about BHS not using weighted grades for the honors/AP classes and students missing out on scholarship opportunities. BIC meeting minutes are available on the www.bps101.net website.

Special Appropriations requests (as presented). All requests presented to the Board were dispensed pursuant to the Finance committee recommendations.

Classroom Support Report: Amy Moore reported that she updated her job description.

Ways & Means Report: Lisa Foydel Kramer reported that movie night seemed like it was about at capacity. In the future, kids need to stay in the gym and a parent needs to be there with them. Next movie night is March 19. Dine Around Batavia at Chili's on February 8 all day. Bulldogs fundraiser on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Still need to find a spring dance coordinator. Fun Fair planning seems to be going well except for basket donations.

Communications Report: Jennifer Tonn reported that the Gazette will be distributed Friday. Kindergarten packets will be sent out at the end of February and will include the volunteer sign-up sheet and the PTO volunteer handbook.

New Business:

- Fall Clothing and Toy Resale set for September 17-18, 2010.
- Spring Book Fair – half price w/ Scholastic, April 6 delivery, fair open April 7-9, pack up April 13. Tchotchkes available only on April 8. Specials Open House to take place on Thursday April 8 during Book Fair. We should advertise our spring book fair to other schools. Discussion on who to contract with for the Fall Book Fair: PTO made more money fall 2009 over fall 2008. Mary Collins made a motion to use Scholastic in the fall, Cathy Dremel seconded, all in favor.
- Teacher Appreciation Week starts May 3: budget is \$850. ECC to be fully included in Teacher Appreciation week activities. Marcie Mefford will form a committee and decide on specific activities within the constraints of the budget. Gifts from PTO should be equitable. Marcie wanted some guidance to give the head room parents.
- End of year party – budget is \$4/student (5th grade gets an extra \$350). Coordinate with classroom teachers for dates. Marcie will continue to be Room Parent Coordinator next year.
- Spring flower sale: Jennifer Tonn has cost proposals from Living Color and Shady Hill. We Grow Dreams did not have their cost proposal ready at this time. Delivery and sale would be Friday May 7. Sale will not coincide with city-wide garage sale this year. Publicity will be in Neighbors of Batavia. After considering prices and variety, Board consensus is to contract with Living Color.
- Penny Wars for Haiti fundraiser raised over \$3000 for the American Red Cross. Mrs. Ralston is trying to arrange an assembly where someone from American Red Cross comes to accept our check.
- ECC – Leeann Rodriguez will encourage parents to sign up for Messenger and to receive AGS messages. Still working on logo for spiritwear fundraiser.
- April board meeting will be Tuesday April 6.
- Mary Collins will look into renegotiating price for Fun Fair pizzas based on Cici's lower price.

Adjournment: Mary Collins made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:05pm, Ann Gerardi seconded, all in favor.