

**Sister Lakes Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2009**

The Sister Lakes Elementary PTO met in regular session on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was held in the library at Sister Lakes Elementary.

PTO Members present:

President: Shantelle Beach
Vice President: Diane Decker
Treasurer: Cecilia Garrelts

Principal: Matt Severin

Attendees: Bill Moraco, Teresa Moraco, Robin Schommer, Michelle Pitcher, Nicole Saylor, Lisa Saylor

Shantelle Beach greeted those in attendance at the year's first general PTO meeting.

The PTO Secretary vacancy was announced. The only person applying for the position was Michelle Pitcher. A unanimous vote of those in attendance elected Michelle Pitcher to the position.

A tentative PTO meeting schedule was agreed upon for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Thursday, October 8 at 6pm
Thursday, November 12 at 6pm
Wednesday, December 2 at 6pm
Wednesday, January 13 at 6pm
Thursday, February 11 at 6pm
Thursday, March 18 at 6pm
Wednesday, April 21 at 7pm
Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm

Cecilia Garrelts read last year's Treasure's Report.

At this time, it is uncertain if there will be bake sales before the school's music programs. The sales will be dependent on the responses received on the volunteer flyers. Shantelle stated she made the flyers and had given them to each teacher to send home with the students.

It was suggested that the PTO looks into having Family Fun Night at Ramona or Rocky's Bowl. The PTO will have to obtain more information from these businesses before a determination is made.

Shantelle reported that September's Market Day had 23 customers. The PTO made \$100.80, which is 10% of the total sales.

Shantelle distributed a copy of bylaws to everyone in attendance. She had pieced them together by acquiring information from several copies of bylaws she found on the internet. She suggested that everyone carefully review them to determine if they should be approved as written or if changes need to be made. A final version of the bylaws will be adopted at a later PTO meeting.

The PTO would like to set short term and long term goals that will help determine how the PTO funds are spent. Two possible long term goals were presented by Mr. Severin. One possible goal would be purchasing curtains/shades for all the windows in the school. Mr. Severin stated he had received a prior quote for window treatments for approximately \$4,500.00. The curtains/shades are a definite safety issue, especially when it comes to a school lock down. Another issue that Mr. Severin would like to address is the replacement of the dome monkey bars on the playground. He believes this would decrease the number of playground related injuries. Both of these issues will be taken into consideration by the PTO.

A request for PTO funds for a field trip to Sarett Nature Center was received from Mrs. Kyncl. The total amount would be approximately \$100.00. No definitive decision was made until more details could be obtained from Mrs. Kyncl. The PTO is in favor of allotting money to teachers for field trips and would like to open up the possibility for funding future requests from other teachers.

The fall fundraiser will take place October 13 – 27 and will be by the same company used last year. The delivery date for the merchandise will be Thursday, November 19.

Boo Fest is Thursday, October 29. There was a suggestion made to add the limbo to the activities this year. Shantelle will get with Leslie Malin to see what she still has from last year that can be used. More details for the Boo Fest will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Mr. Severin stated he would like a log of the hours accumulated for any volunteer at the school. This will give him a better handle on the amount of time being donated to the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Reminder: The next Sister Lakes Elementary PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 in the library. The main focus will be the Boo Fest.

Submitted by Michelle Pitcher 09/30/2009