

**Providence Elementary School – PTA General Meeting
March 5, 2008**

Attendees: Courtney Robinson, Beth Dombrowsky, Lucille Short, Sue Elgart, Joy Hanbury, Rema Smith, Anne Crismon, Ann Mallon, Pam Wagner, Stacie Kaplan, Beth Robertson, Becky Whitacre, Deb Herts, Tina Kitts.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Minutes: The February 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved.

Principal's Report:

International Night at Providence was a success.

Safety Audit and lock down drill was conducted by Fairfax County Safety Office.

Read Across America was held on March 5. There were lots of visitors at Providence including guest readers and other activities for the students.

Ms. Hanbury is advertising and interviewing for a new Building Supervisor.

National Language Conference will be held on April 17, 2008. Educators will conduct an onsite visit Providence to observe Chinese lessons and speak with the first grade team.

Ann Mallon has been named to the GMU Partnership Program. She is on the panel that interviews and selects interns.

President's Report.

Pam Wagner reminded everyone that flyers going home must be approved by Friday and distributed to teachers' inboxes no later than Monday afternoon. Copies should be distributed to every box including Resource teachers.

There are still several Executive Board and Committee Positions open. Nominating Committee is working hard to fill these positions. Anyone interested should contact Beth Robertson.

Fun Fair planning is continuing. Flyers will be going home asking for volunteers, anyone interested in volunteering should contact Beth Dombrowsky or Lisa MacCammon. Tickets will be on pre-sale the week of the fun fair during lunch. Cakes for the Cake Walk can be dropped off Friday afternoon at school.

Plans are underway for the Teacher Appreciation. Currently the budget is \$2,600 for approximately 100 people. Courtney Robinson will be coordinating this event.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops – Year to Date Totals that have been collected is \$902.90. Box tops money will be used to purchase a TV for the school lobby. Mrs. Prosser's class won an ice cream party for collecting the most box tops.

Essay Contest – Essay Contest is finished. Winners will be chosen and invited to an April luncheon for winners and their families.

Yearbook – A flyer went home regarding yearbook sales. Approximately 200+ yearbooks have been ordered so far.

Chess Club – Chess Club currently has 27 members. Becky Whitacre is working on organizing a Chess Night with Daniels Run Elementary. Students will play chess (non-competitive) with students from Daniels Run. Becky is looking for someone who can help out with the Chess Club and who knows how to play chess. Information will be added to the newsletter asking for a volunteer.

Odyssey of the Mind: March 15th is the first competition at Falls Church High School. Volunteers are needed. High School and Jr. High Students will be given credit for service hours.

After School Programs – The City of Fairfax, Parks and Recreation After School Program is going great. The Park and Rec Department will be making a donation to the Silent Auction.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.