

## **Providence Elementary School – PTA General Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, November 7, 2007**

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*Attendees: Larry Cook, Beth Dombrowsky, Carol Dinion, Sue Elgart, Elizabeth Hartshorn, Deb Hertz, Joy Hanbury, Stacie Kaplan, Tina Kitts, Lisa MacCammon, Courtney Robinson, Diana Schmiesing, Gina Shelton, Lucille Short, Rema Smith, Pam Wagner, Shani Brown and Becky Whitacre.*

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

PES PTA President, Pam Wagner welcomed all members and attendees to the November 9, 2007 PTA Meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** An updated 2007-2008 Budget Report was presented to the PTA Board.

The amended budget was presented to the PTA general membership at the 10/19 Sock Hop and it was unanimously approved. The approval was needed since the budget that was approved at the Back to School Picnic in September was \$35K and the current budget is now \$97K due to line itemization.

A motion was made to donate \$50.00 to Fairfax High School's All Night Graduation Party. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made to donate \$21.00 to the Thanksgiving Baskets to purchase food gift cards which are given to needy Providence Families. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Principal's Report:**

The annual canned food drive is taking place. A decorated grocery cart will be available in the afternoon Kiss& Ride to collect canned good items. Items will be used to make Thanksgiving baskets for our needy families and the rest of the canned food items will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> (grades 3-6) and Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> (grades K-2).

### **President's Report:**

Volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Help is needed in the classrooms and in the cafeteria. Anyone who could donate time, please contact Pam Wagner.

Sue Elgart volunteered to organize a Family Night at a local restaurant. Normally restaurants will give 10-20% of the total receipts back to the PTA. Sue will research and provide more information at the next PTA meeting.

### Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Becky Whitacre reported that 340 members are registered as PTA members. PTA Membership Cards will be distributed with the telephone directory next week.
- **Chess Club:** Chess Club is going great. All levels are continuing to play after school.
- **Spirit Wear:** Becky Whitacre is selling spirit wear (hoodies and tshirts).
- **Directory:** Hannah Smith won the contest for the cover of the 2007-08 Telephone Directory. There were 8 students who submitted artwork for the cover. Directories and membership cards will be distributed next week.
- **Box Tops:** \$470 has been collected so far from the Box Top program. Half of the money collected was from last year and the other half is from this year. Next collection date is Feb. 2008.
- **Book Fair:** Book Fair is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Preview Day**  
**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Preview Day**  
**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair Open & Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Evening – Parent Night**  
**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair Open & Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
**Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – Last Day**

### After School Programs:

- **Art:** On-going, no new information to report.
- **Odyssey of the Mind:** Lucille Short reported that Odyssey of the Mind will start November 20, 2007. The total cost of the program is \$258.50; Lucille Short requested that the PTA subsidize the costs. Lucille's request was denied but the PTA recommended that Lucille contact the PTA when they prepare the budget for next year. The PTA might be able to budget some funds for the 2008-09 school year.
- **After School Program by Fairfax City Parks and Recreation.** After school programs will begin January 2008. Registration will be accepted online and all fees will go directly to Fairfax City Parks and Rec. The following program will be offered: Art, Fitness and Drama. All programs will be held at Providence Elementary. Information will be sent home with students in December.

- **After School Fitness.** After school fitness will be offered again this year by the PTA. Mr. Amos and Ms. Haak will run the program. There will be two sessions, Tuesdays (K-2) and Thursdays (3-6).

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A presentation was made by the Providence Resource Staff.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at 9AM in the school cafeteria.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.