

MINUTES

Orem Elementary School PTA Minutes

January 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Ada Wilson at 9:33 a.m.

In attendance

Angie Heaton, Angela Seegmiller, Ada Wilson, Youngshin Cobabe, Bunney Schmidt, Judy Christensen, Jenna Wood, Dana Wise, Lusche Groberg, Amanda Hartman, Cindy Leavitt, Lily Herrmann, Mary Harper.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the December meeting and approved.

Budget

The budget was reviewed and discussed briefly. Ada is planning to talk to UCCU to ask for \$1000 they usually give for AR and other reading programs.

New Business

- Ada reviewed several items from the PTA Perspectives magazine. (This is available online.)
 - We were recognized for our fun run.
 - There are family centers available with free resources to help parents. The closest one is by Westmore Elementary.
 - Feb. 16, 2007, 10-3 p.m., Utah State PTA Office is celebrating founders' day.
 - The PTA state leadership convention is at BYU, May 17-18, 2007. Our PTA can pay for about four people to attend.
 - Utah PTA Legislature Day is Feb. 13, 2007. During the legislative session you can visit utahpta.org to see PTA positions on issues.
- Ada has the words to the Couch Potato Song that was sung at the assembly. We discussed the "No TV Challenge" and will leave it up to parental discretion but hope that everyone can go 7 days consecutively or sometime during the month without TV.
- Angie H. asked that we let her know when we see good happening at school from teachers, staff, or students so that we can recognize the great things that happen at OES.
- The request for a fountain has been put into the district, but may take some time. The laminators have a wide range of cost. We will need to amend the budget to put money where we can spend it on the school gift when we get the laminator.
- David Handy a lawyer and LDS family services employee is speaking on Jan. 12, Friday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at American Heritage School for ages 14 and older. All are welcome and it is free. See mpatch@ahsmaail.com for more information.
- After school programs will include a 6 week art class taught by Sherri Mckell for grades 3-6, Tae kwon do, and hopefully dance, gymnastics, and chess. We discussed having the PTA provide the chess games.

Committee Reports

- We are proud of the Reflections winners who advanced to the next level.
- May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week and there is testing at the school this week.
- Youngshin Cobabe also reported that the math program that is going well. There is some discussion for a summer math program. The name for the new reading book club is in discussion. There will be a new book list every year with 60 books on it. They are all in AR. We will use the public library, home library and school library to run the

program. There will be a committee meeting for those interested this Thursday, the 11th, at 10:00 a.m.

- Mary has continued to work on the bins with emergency snacks in each classroom. She will advertise more and remind parents who may not have sent any snacks at parent teacher conferences.

Announcements

- Newsletter items are due Jan. 29
- Boxtops collections will start Feb. 20.
- Storytelling Festival starts Feb. 22.
- Ada is meeting with the teachers on Jan. 26.

Next Meeting

February 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., in room 203

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.