

MINUTES

Orem Elementary School PTA Minutes

November 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Ada Wilson at 9:38 a.m.

In attendance

Brad Davies, Shawna Boles, Carol Jean Bishop, Angie Heaton, Bonnie Zundel, Mary Harper, Angela Seegmiller, Ada Wilson, Youngshin Cobabe, Kim Faragher, Bunney Schmidt, Judy Christensen.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the October meeting and approved.

Budget

The budget was reviewed and discussed briefly. We need to turn in original receipts, not photocopied. Please make ONLY PTA expenses on the receipts as there are different sales taxes in nearby cities and many mistakes are made in calculating partial receipts.

Principal's Report

Principal Brad Davies went over some of the details of Math Night. It will involve all of the teachers. There will be a pizza for each individual to fill in with math problems they can work with their family on and then take into the cafeteria to redeem for pizza when all 6 slices have been filled in.

Teacher VP Report

Shawna Boles reported that Jen Griffith would really like some volunteers in her first grade class. We suggested that the teacher send home a note to parents of that class. Angie Heaton will contact the parent volunteer that signed up to help in her class.

New Business

- The bylaws have been reviewed by executive board and no change was recommended so a motion was made to approve them and they were approved unanimously.
- Nominating committee to nominate one person for each elected office on the executive board will be headed by Angie Heaton. There needs to be 5 people. Judy Christensen and Angela Seegmiller volunteered. Here is the schedule: December- Elect Nominating Committee, February - Nominating Committee reports, and March-New officers elected.
- Youngshin Cobabe is looking for a committee to head a math packet program that would start as a pilot program with 3rd and 4th grades. There would be little motivational treats provided and students would work at their individual level and pace. Parents at home would check the work. We discussed making it optional was not a good idea. There would also be a math lab available for extra help. She also brought up a reading program idea for the upper grades (or those that are younger and have finished the home reading program) that would include Newbury award books and classic books that (they) could be tested on Accelerated Reader. There will be an email discussion conducted by Ada to discuss this further.

Committee Reports

- Carol Jean Bishop asked us to pass the word along about all the great activities happening with National Family Month in November, especially to our youth groups. There is the family dance at MVHS for ages 12 and up that will teach etiquette and

- dancing. It is Nov. 28, 7-8:30 at the MVHS gym. The fun run was very successful and more than \$900 was raised for Make-A-Wish foundation. We talked about getting the word out more for next year, though the attendance was great. Other activities include math night, family service project, Les Miserables and grandparents lunch. The estimated count for the grandparent lunch is 175 additional people eating school lunch.
- We now have 267 members, 16 faculty/staff. Ada will talk to the faculty about how we are a partnership and the much good that we do for them and encourage them to join.
 - Box Top reports that we gathered 6827 box tops which means \$682.70 to our teachers. Next drive is in Feb. Mr. Hodson's class had the most (over 1000) so they will be rewarded with cookies. Suggestions were made to send a reminder about halfway to the deadline and to tell what the incentive is and how many winners there will be.
 - Character Traits held a great assembly on Nov. 3.
 - Mary's Rainbow evacuation program went well and we are still in need of ice cream buckets to use as containers for the emergency snacks collected.
 - School gift idea of the multiple fountains outside was discussed again briefly as well as the possibility of trees. The executive committee will make some recommendations to the board at our next meeting.
 - Lilliana Herrera is interested in early intervention for preventing gang activity. Low-income, lack of parenting skills and language barriers are all factors. Possibility of International day on May 5 and meshing with after school programs.

Announcements

- We need a volunteer to do the newsletter. Deadline for entries is the last Friday of the month, Nov. 27th, to get in the December newsletter.
- Reflections entries are due Nov. 10.
- Thank you to the lunch committee who did a great lunch for the teachers.

Next Meeting

December 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., in room 203

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.