

**LIGHT THE WAY**  
**PTA Theme 2007-2008**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 4, 2007**  
**9:30am-10:30am**

**Attendance:**

- 16 Members of PTA as follows: Cathy Ambrose, Carol Jean Bishop, Jennifer Card, Judy Christensen, Brad Davies, Mary Harper, Becky Herman, Lily Herrmann, Karrie King, Carolyn Kuehne, Cindy Leavitt, Melody Matheson, Sherri McKell, Taunya Paxton, Ada Wilson, Jenna Wood

**Open and Welcome:**

- Bunney Schmidt

**Reverence/Pledge:**

- Lily Herrmann

**Minutes:**

- Read by Lily Herrmann
- Motion to approve the minutes by Ada Wilson and Mary Harper with 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to carry.

**Carnival:**

- Presented by Ada Wilson
- Sign-up sheets for volunteers discussed and distributed.
- Need for canopies issued.
- Speculation over high-ticket items to be donated for the auction.

**Community:**

- Presented by Ada Wilson
- A request to please contact local businesses for donations to the auction for Carnival was issued. Those approaching local businesses were given an official (on OES letterhead) solicitation letter outlining what is needed and what would be given in return to businesses that donated.
- Volunteers were needed at Lakeridge Junior High School to help with Flex-Time at 10:30am on Sep 5, 2007.
- The need at Lakeridge JHS for a paid administrative position (6 hours per day at \$8/hour) was passed along. Any interest was directed to be followed-up at LJHS.

**Principal Moment:**

- Presented by Brad Davies
- Read a letter outlining what political activities are/are not allowed at school.
- School use for political activities must be given equal opportunity to opposing parties.
- Educators cannot campaign during contract time.
- Educators can use the school newsletters/websites only to provide FACTUAL information to parents concerning political activities.
- Educators cannot use school lists to aid in campaigning.
- Educators cannot wear campaign buttons during contract time.

**Character Traits Assembly:**

- Presented by Taunya Paxton
- For September, "Respect" was chosen.
- For October, "Responsibility" was chosen.
- Possible choices for character traits were "Trustworthy", "Citizenship" & "Caring".
- Taunya to decide the challenges to be given at the assembly on Sep 7, 2007, at 9:30am. Possible rewards were discussed for completed challenge participants.

**20/20 Challenge:**

- Presented by Jenna Wood
- 20/20 challenge (20 days of math for 20 min during the summer) winners were to stand up and receive recognition while their certificate and reward would be delivered to them by their core teacher in class.

**After-school Programs:**

- Presented by Karrie King
- Monday, Sept 10, 2007, begins Registration for Dance, Tumbling and Cheer.
- Thursday, Sept 14, 2007, begins Registration for Tae Kwan Do and Art.
- Programs to begin on Sept 10, 2007, and end on Nov 6, 2007.
- Volunteers were need for Registration on Monday and Thursday.
- Karrie to coordinate with Principal Davies concerning the facilities.

**Membership:**

- Presented by Melody Matheson
- Goal for PTA memberships is 300 with current enrollment at 204+.
- Membership drive marketing to happen only to kids whose parents have not yet enrolled for this year.
- Contest given for the class with the most memberships.
- Prizes for the class that wins were not sundaes as they were messy the year before. Whether the prize has to be sugar was discussed and possible ideas presented for more recess time or a free pass for no homework.
- 12 teachers were currently enrolled in PTA and Melody to put effort into marketing to the remaining teachers through a survey. Results will be shared at a future time.

**Red Ribbon Week:**

- Presented by Judy Christensen
- Combine the Oct 5, 2007, Character Trait Assembly with Red Ribbon Week? Use the assembly as a kick-off to events for RRW.
- Possible speakers were discussed such as past sports figures.
- Red Ribbon Week to occur during the same week as UEA.
- Should we use activities from the past again?
- Essay Contest offered with the theme "I can be kind to others" and "How living a drug-free life can..."
- Volunteer sign-up sheet will be passed around and members of the PTA should contact people to help out with this week.
- An email outlining the events of the week to follow.

**Reflections:**

- Presented by Sherri McKell
- Reflections awards to be given out on Nov 13, 2007 in the evening. The deadline for submissions is Nov 5, 2007.
- Is it possible to announce Reflections at the Oct 5, 2007, assembly?
- There will be sent home to each student a paper within 2 weeks describing Reflections and the deadlines for submissions.

**Next Meeting:**

- October 2, 2007, at 9:30am in the Faculty Lounge

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Bunney Schmidt  
Orem Elementary PTA President

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Lily Herrmann  
Orem Elementary PTA Secretary