

Rice PTA Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2009

The regular meeting of the Rice PTA Board was held at Papacita's Mexican Restaurant on September 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by President, Jennifer Deen. A quorum was present.

President's Remarks:

- Jennifer Deen announced that an updated board roster will be emailed to everyone soon. She also asked everyone to make sure that they picked up an agenda and budget as they came in along with a gift of apple scented lotion for everyone.
- Jennifer thanked everyone for helping to get the school year off to a great start by selling shirts, volunteering at lunches, and working at tables at the Open House. She also thanked Dacia Alford and Jill Laymance for putting together the welcome back breakfast for the teachers and read a thank-you note from the 3rd grade teaching team.
- Jennifer announced that a sign-up sheet is being passed around for volunteer greeters during Lunch with Grandfriends Week.
- Jennifer reminded everyone to pickup their TISD volunteer badges in the office. If you have not applied for one online, please do so.
- Jennifer asked that everyone please volunteer to help with Family Fun Night.
- Jennifer asked that if you have not previously signed the Conflict of Interest form, please do so at this time.
- Jennifer reminded everyone that all flyers to be sent home with students must be approved by her, Ruth Davis, and Jennifer Sturm. A copy should also be provided to Leslie Wood. After approval, please do not forget to send copies to the Precision Teaching classes (13 students total). She also asked that we remember to take pictures of their classes during special events to be included in the yearbook.

Principal's Remarks:

- Jennifer Sturm thanked everyone for volunteering and stated that the year is going smoothly. There have been 4 new classes added and the transition has gone well.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that she is encouraging teacher membership in PTA. She stated that she is looking forward to Family Fun Night, Lunch with Grandfriends Week and other upcoming events.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that there are currently 781 students enrolled at Rice which is up 50 from last year.

Secretary's Report:

- Carrie King reported that the minutes of the August 17, 2009 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Justin Rowe reported that cookie dough sales totaled \$53,122.00 and the *Climbing for Change* campaign earned \$1,227.00 for the playground effort.
- Justin presented the 2009-2010 budget report (attached hereto). Justin made a motion to accept the report as stated. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had, and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Fundraiser

- Kristie Copeland reported that our fundraiser was a big success and sales were up 10% over last year. The final total will be around \$55,000.00 in sales. Cookie dough will be delivered on October 6th and prizes will be awarded to the top sellers.

Directory

- Ruth Davis reported for Melanie Wick that any remaining orders should be sent to the office.

Spirit Gear

- Ruth Davis reported for Amy DeWalch that orders have been turned in and the shirts will be printed within two weeks.

Membership

- Julie McDaniel reported that the membership drive has been slow. We are only at around 48-50% participation. Most of the Rice staff has joined and she is still in need of 8 scholarships. Brookshires has donated 11 gallons of ice cream for parties but no classes have achieved their participation goals. It was discussed that an announcement about PTA membership should be placed on the marquee.

Volunteers

- Margaret Rapp reported that volunteers lists were passed out today. She also has lists of general volunteers available if needed. Everyone was reminded that volunteer hours should be turned in to Mamta Dhakal.

Family Fun Night

- Jennifer Deen reported for Kristen Sheets and Sarah Lundy that they are working on contacting business who may want to be sponsors. If you know of a business that would be interested in sponsoring, please let Jennifer know.
- Carrie King reported for Kristen Sheets that they are planning to use armbands instead of tickets this year and Laura Miller has agreed to be in charge of selling the armbands. Armbands will be presold for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. They will also be sold for \$12.00 each at the door. There will not be raffle this year due to a reduction in donations. They are still in need of a coordinator for the food. Arrangements have been made for pizzas to be purchased from CiCi's Pizza for \$5.00 each.

School Supplies

- Susie Loftquist reported that school supply sales are completed but there are no final numbers yet.

Reflections

- Vickie Williams reported that the theme for this year is *Beauty Is . . .* Workshops will start today and go through this week. This year a flyer was sent home with students with instructions on how to download the entry forms from the website. There will be a first, second, and third place winner for each category.

Yearbook

- Shawn Sheffield reported that she is working with Kristen Sheets to get the yearbook preparation kit that was used last year.
- Shawn reported that Lifetouch is looking for a school's computer lab to do yearbook software training for local schools. She is working with Mrs. Sturm to determine if this is something that could be done at Rice.

Fall Book Fair

- Lacey Idrogo reported that she has received the list of volunteers and is getting the volunteer slots filled. She has met with Librarian Angie Hicks and is ready to go.

Old Business

Acquisitions

- Carol Foley reported that \$1227.08 in coins was collected from the students during the *Climbing for Change* fundraiser with the girls winning. The girls donated 151 lbs of change and the boys donated 129 lbs of change. This brings the total playground funds to \$29,922.08.
- Carol thanked Lynette Maynard for lending the scale that was used and thanked Anwar Kalifa and his staff for helping to assemble the scale.
- Carol reported that we are nearing the end of the fundraising campaign and if you know of any potential donors and sponsors, please let her know.

Fifth Grade Graduation Events

- Stephanie Bice reported that at our last board meeting she began a discussion regarding unused funds from the intended gift to Rice by the Fifth Grade class of 2007. The discussion was continued and Stephanie made a motion that the funds be used to supplement this year's 5th grade field trip and graduation activities budget. Once again, further discussion took place regarding the intent of the funds donated and how they could best be used. Other alternative sources of funds were discussed and Stephanie withdrew her motion.
- Ruth Davis made an alternative motion to allocate \$200.00 from the Historian's budget (which will not be used) to be used toward 5th grade graduation events. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had on this motion, and the motion was carried.
- An additional discussion took place regarding the Camp Tyler budget that will not be used this year and whether or not this could be allocated toward the 5th grade graduation events. Action on this matter was tabled.
- To conclude the matter, Julia Speight made a motion that the monies left over from the 2007 5th grade class gift be split and equally allocated toward the playground and this year's 5th grade graduation events. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had, and the motion was carried.

New Business

Council Delegates

- Jennifer Deen announced that she and Ruth Davis will be our Council Delegates and Stacey Drew has agreed to be our third delegate.
- Jennifer made a motion that these three delegates will represent Rice PTA at

council meetings. The motion was seconded, no discussion was had, and the motion was carried.

Announcements

- Jennifer Deen made the following announcements:

Reflections Contest - <i>Beauty Is . . .</i>	September 21 st - October 16 th
Custodians & Food Service Appreciation Day	October 2 nd
Lunch with Grandfriends & Fall Bookfair	October 5 th -9 th
Newsletter Deadline	October 6 th
Fall Aluminum Can Drive	October 12 th -16 th
PTA Board Meeting at Papacita's	October 19 th - 11:30 am
Family Fun Night	October 23 rd
Red Ribbon Week	October 26 th -30 th

- Jennifer Smith thanked everyone for getting information to her for the newsletter in advance.
- A discussion took place regarding ideas for gifts for the male custodians and crossing guards.
- A discussion took place regarding presentation of the cookie dough top sales prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Carrie King, Secretary
Jennifer Deen, President

Approved:
Julie McDaniel
Margaret Rapp
Justin Rowe