

Rice PTA Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Rice PTA Board was held at Papacita's Mexican Restaurant on October 19, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by President, Jennifer Deen. A quorum was present.

President's Remarks:

- Jennifer Deen thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone to sign in and pickup an agenda and budget as they come in.
- Jennifer thanked the Lunch with Grandfriends greeters and Bookfair volunteers.
- Jennifer thanked everyone that helped sort through the PTA storage for Family Fun Night items and thanked Amy Mills for decorating.
- Jennifer thanked Kristie Copeland for her hard work on the cookie dough fundraiser and thanked all those who volunteered to help distribute the cookie dough.
- Jennifer thanked her spouse for his help with the Family Fun Night sponsor signs and Flowers Davis, PLLC for their donation/banner.
- Jennifer reminded everyone that when on campus they should wear their TISD volunteer badges and should sign-in to receive credit for their volunteer hours.

Principal's Remarks (taken after Committee Reports):

- Jennifer Sturm remarked that the year is in full swing and is flying by. Everything is going well and all events have been successful.
- Mrs. Sturm remarked that she is excited about the new t-shirts.
- Mrs. Sturm addressed a recent local news article regarding TISD bond/remodeling efforts. She has received many questions regarding whether Rice will be remodeled or rebuilt. She reported that there is no new information from TISD but we will continue to push for Rice to receive a new building instead of a remodel.
- Mrs. Sturm took questions and a discussion took place regarding the status of a bathroom for the gym and the conditions of the 5th grade bathrooms.
- Mrs. Sturm also reported that Rice has a revised website.

Secretary's Report:

- Carrie King reported that the minutes of the September 21, 2009 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Justin Rowe presented the 2009-2010 budget report dated October 19, 2009 (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 cookie dough fundraiser went well and sales were up 10% over last year. 3969 boxes of cookie dough were sold for a profit of \$23,616.00. Total sales were \$55,104.00.
- Kristie thanked all of the delivery volunteers.

Spirit Gear

- Amy DeWalch reported that shirts were delivered this morning and all went well. Orders were a little down but not by much. She received over 300 orders. There were 18 orders for cheer shirts that have not yet been delivered and have been delayed by approximately 2 weeks.

Membership

- Julie McDaniel reported that membership is at 491. All faculty and staff have joined and/or were sponsored.
- Julie asked for volunteers to help serve ice cream this week for classroom rewards.

Family Fun Night

- Jennifer Deen thanked everyone who has volunteered to help so far and more volunteers are needed.
- Jennifer reported that they are in need of large igloo coolers to be used during the evening.
- Kristen Sheets reported that they have received \$1,275.00 in sponsorships thus far which is down from last year.
- Kristen announced that volunteers are needed and setup will take place Thursday and Friday.

Reflections

- Ruth Davis reported for Vickie Williams that entries have been turned in and are being sent to the judges.

Yearbook

- Shawn Sheffield reported that the yearbook is started and she plans to attend a class at Boulter MS to learn how to prepare the yearbook.
- Shawn requested that everyone send pictures for the yearbook. Her first deadline is the end of January and the second is mid March.

Fall Book Fair

- Lacey Idrogo thanked all of the volunteers and reported over \$12,000.00 in sales. That is up from last year and approximately \$3,000.00 will go to the Rice Library.

Box Tops

- Daphney Young reported that flyers will go out next week and we have collected approximately \$535.00 to be turned in so far this year.

Fall Aluminum Can Drive

- Ruth Davis reported for Danielle Xirau that the total amount collected was 289.9 lbs with Mrs. Litzenberger's class winning with 76 lbs.

Red Ribbon Week

- Stephanie Bice reported that Red Ribbon week will include special dress days (pjs, camo, team jerseys, etc). Diane Carnes is helping to coordinate events. Baked goods will be provided at the end of the week for teachers/staff.

Fifth Grade Graduation Events

- Stephanie Bice reported that a table will be setup at Family Fun Night for the *You Have Been Boo'd* fundraiser. They will be selling lollipops and candy to be delivered to students with a note for a donation towards graduation events. The messages and candy will be delivered next Friday.

Newsletter

- Jennifer Smith reported that the newsletter was going well and thanked everyone for getting information to her. She has added a contest to the back page and asked that everyone help encourage students to participate.

Partner School

- Ginger Brandt reported that our first Partner School event will be a food drive during the week of November 19th. We will have boxes and signs to advertise the event. Last year we were requested to provide cookies for Thanksgiving. Although it has not yet been requested, Ginger asked that we be on standby to provide cookies if we are requested to do so.

Monthly Bakers

- Dacia Alford thanked the October monthly bakers: Jennifer Smith, Carol Foley, Stephanie Flannery, and Julie Lankford. Next month's bakers are Kristen Sheets, Jennifer Smith, Lacey Idrogo, and Misty Liles.
- Dacia reported that she is planning a December cookie exchange for the teachers and has a volunteer sign-up sheet going around.
- Dacia reported that we made \$58.10 at last month's Jason's Deli fundraiser and another is planned for tomorrow night from 5:00-9:00 pm.

School Supplies

- Susie Lofquist reported that there have been over \$13,000.00 in school supply sales for 2009 and over \$900.00 in rebates have been earned for PTA.

Volunteers

- Stacey Drew reported that she needs a few more volunteers to help with the coffee can raffle during lunch.

Old Business

Acquisitions

- Laura Miller reported that the proposed total playground cost is \$38,410.00 which includes a base of engineered woodchips. We are approximately \$8,000.00 short and the committee is asking for PTA to allocate up to \$11,000.00 in income from the cookie dough fundraiser and Family Fun Night income to be used for the playground (this will help comply with all required purchasing/contracting deadlines). The playground committee will continue to work on sponsorships.
- Laura made a motion that we allocate up to \$11,000.00 in income from this year's PTA events to be used for the playground. The motion was seconded, no discussion was had, and the motion passed.
- Jennifer Sturm reported that the old playground is being removed as we speak. If at some point Rice is remodeled and/or rebuilt, TISD will move the new playground

as needed.

Camp Tyler Budget

- Virginia Hodges made a motion to allocate \$100.00 from the Camp Tyler budget that will no longer be used to go to the administration budget.
- The motion was seconded, no discussion was had, and the motion passed.

New Business

Special November General Membership Meeting

- Jennifer Deen announced that we will need to have a special called General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6:00 pm in order to vote on the motions allocating funds to the playground prior to the TISD board meeting. These playground items will be the only motions/items on the agenda.
- Jennifer Deen announced that the December General Membership Meeting date has been changed from December 8, 2009 to December 10, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

Announcements

- Jennifer Deen made the following announcements:

Family Fun Night	October 23 rd
Red Ribbon Week	October 26 th -30 th
Yearbook Sales	November 2 nd - 13 th
Partner School Food Drive	November 9 th - 13 th
PTA Board Meeting	November 16 th
Newsletter Deadline	November 17 th

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Carrie King, Secretary
Jennifer Deen, President

Approved:

