

Rice PTA Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Rice PTA Board was held at Papacita's Mexican Restaurant on November 16, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 11:38 am by President, Jennifer Deen. A quorum was present.

President's Remarks:

- Jennifer Deen thanked the Family Fun Night volunteers. A list of sponsors will be posted in the newsletter. Overall, we raised approximately \$9,000.00.
- Jennifer thanked Vickie Williams for her work on Reflections.
- Jennifer announced that the December board meeting and Christmas luncheon will be held at her house on December 14th. Board members should bring salads to share and officers will bring desserts.
- Jennifer announced that our Christmas project will be the same as last year – we should bring Target gift cards or money which will be used to purchase gifts for families in need at Rice. Laura Miller remarked that last year we were able to help eight families with clothes and toys. Please bring your donations to the meeting.
- Jennifer announced that our next general membership meeting will be on December 10th just prior to the 5th grade musical. We will be voting on acquisitions.

Principal's Remarks (taken during Committee Reports):

- Jennifer Sturm reported that the playground paperwork is being finalized.
- Ms. Sturm reported that we have begun a new six weeks period and report cards will go home on Thursday.
- Ms. Sturm reported that the 4th grade had a successful Veterans' Day program at the mall and Ms. Thrasher is working on the 5th grade musical scheduled in December.

Secretary's Report:

- Carrie King reported that the minutes of the October 19, 2009 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Virginia Hodges reported for Justin Rowe and presented the 2009-2010 budget report dated November 16, 2009 (attached hereto). Virginia made a motion to accept the report as stated. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had, and the motion passed.
- Jennifer Deen made a motion to appoint Laura Miller to open and review our bank statements. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Yearbook

- Ruth Davis reported for Shawn Sheffield that yearbook sales will run through December 18th. The price is \$17.00 and will go up to \$20.00 after the deadline. An order form will be posted on our website.

Newsletter

- Stacey Drew reported for Jennifer Smith that the newsletter will go out after Thanksgiving and that tomorrow is the deadline for submissions.

Partner School

- Ginger Brandt reported that over 150 items were donated during the food drive. She and Shea Thomas have discussed moving the date of the food drive to the Spring next year or requesting school supplies so as not to compete with other seasonal food drives going on around Thanksgiving.

Art from the Heart

- Stacey Drew reported that she is sending home flyers requesting project coordinators for each classroom and she is meeting with Robin Ewing to discuss the individual artwork that will be made. Her goal is to get everything set before the holidays.
- Stacey made a motion to increase the Art from the Heart budget by moving \$1000.00 from the playground budget that was not needed. The motion was seconded, no discussion took place, and the motion passed.
- A discussion took place regarding that the budget given to each coordinator may need to be increased.

Fifth Grade Graduation Events

- Jennifer Deen reported for Stephanie Bice that they sold \$750.00 in “boo’s” during their fundraiser and they will do another fundraiser in the Spring.

Family Fun Night

- Kristen Sheets thanked all the many volunteers and Mrs. Sturm for making Family Fun Night a great success. Thanks and information will go out in the next newsletter.

Reflections

- Vickie Williams reported that 30 entries were received. She should know something on the winners within the next week and she would like to present awards at the next general PTA meeting. She remarked that there was good participation but some participants had trouble following the rules.

Box Tops

- Daphney Young reported that she met the October 31st deadline and submitted \$835.00 in box tops. A check will be sent to the school. The winner’s name will be

announced in the newsletter. The next submission date is in February.

Directory

- Melanie Wick reported that the directory went to the printer last week. It should be completed this week and will be sent home with the students.

Spirit Gear

- Amy DeWalch reported that we made an approximately \$1,800.00 profit on spirit gear sales. There were lots of orders and we almost sold out at Family Fun Night.

Hospitality

- Dacia Alford reported that there will be another fundraiser at Jason's Deli tonight. She does not yet have a total for last month.
- Dacia reported that we will hold a cookie exchange for the teachers on December 10th. If you signed up to bake cookies, she has requested that you send her the recipe. She has also sent out reminders to the November bakers.

Old Business

Playground

- Carol Foley reported that all paperwork has been sent to TISD and we are on the agenda for Thursday's meeting at 7:00 pm. She anticipates the playground will be approved and ordered by December 11th and she will update our goal on the sign in front of the school. Once the equipment is ordered, it will be eight weeks for construction. Carol thanked everyone that helped with this project.
- Mrs. Sturm expressed her thanks and presented gifts to Carol and the other officers that assisted with this project.

New Business

Acquisitions

- Laura Miller reported that the acquisitions committee has approved the expenditures as listed in her report (attached) which total \$12,285.36 (without shipping). The budget was \$14,000.00.
- Laura pointed out that PTA is allocating \$5,000.00 to the literacy lab which will be matched by a grant from TISD for \$5,000.00. Mrs. Sturm commented on the literacy lab. It was announced that Ms. Soward will need volunteers to help categorize the new books.
- Ruth Davis made a motion that we accept the acquisitions committee report and approve the requested expenditures. The motion was seconded, no discussion was had, and the motion passed.

PTA Lifetime Memberships

- Jennifer Deen reported that it is time to award our lifetime PTA memberships. Nominations were solicited and voting took place. The winners were Stella Jones and Laura Miller.

Announcements

- Jennifer Deen made the following announcements:

Thanksgiving Break	November 23 rd - 27 th
Newsletter Deadline	November 17 th
Clothing Drive for Partner School	December 7 th - 11 th
General PTA Meeting	December 10 th
PTA Board Meeting	December 14 th

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Carrie King, Secretary
Jennifer Deen, President

Approved:
Ruth Davis
Laura Miller
Stacey Drew

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Call to Order

President's Comments
Principal's Comments
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Deen
Jennifer Sturm
Carrie King
Justin Rowe

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Shawn Sheffield
Jennifer Smith
Shea Thomas/Ginger Brandt
Stacey Drew
Stefanie Bice
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Sara Lundy/Kristen Sheets
Vickie Williams
Daphney Young
Lynette Maynard
Melanie Wick
Amy DeWalch

Old Business

Playground Update

Carol Foley

New Business

Acquisitions
PTA Lifetime Memberships

Laura Miller
Jennifer Deen

Announcements

Thanksgiving Break
Newsletter Deadline
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Clothing Drive for Partner School
General PTA Meeting

November 23-27
November 17
November 9-13
December 7 -11
December 10

PTA Board Meeting – December 14th at 11:30 at Jennifer Deen's home

Psalm 100:4-5 – "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."