

**PTC Meeting Minutes
Ogden Avenue School
February 10, 2010**

Attendance:

Christine Mannella
Dr. Boudreau
Jennifer Joyce
Kym Iffert

Elizabeth Engels
Jill Daniels
Jennifer Harding
M.J. Schremser

Paula West
Mary Drew
Carol Barrett

Call to Order

Christine Mannella called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2009 Meeting

The minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Jill Daniels, seconded by Christine Mannella, both of whom were present at the January 6 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Portraits came in +\$1,000 over budget.

We will close out the Andersen Memorial Fund account.

Principal announcements:

The school is kicking off the Hearts for Haiti fundraiser. The program was started by a former Cossitt / Park student. She started by holding bake sales at train stations, etc, and now the program has grown to get entire community involved. Hearts for Haiti is a subgroup of Heart To Heart International. Spirit and service club will be selling t-shirts for \$15 and wrist bands for \$2. The funds will go to rebuild school / clinic through Heart to Heart international. A flier and order form will come home Friday.

Japanese Drummers are coming to the assembly on Friday. 6th Grade Quiz Night is coming up on the 19th. Variety show is the 27th (shhhh...there will be a teacher act!).

President's announcements

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Saturday April 17 at the Lagrange Park District Rec Center on East Ave. Liquor is an issue – there must be only one person in charge of alcohol. Jen Harding will gather and mark people's bottles as they come in and keep them on a cart during the event.

Variety Show needs hall monitors from 4:00 – 7:30 the last week before the show during rehearsals. The committee wasn't aware they had to pay custodian fees – they will need \$112 for this.

Committee / Exec positions will be posted in 2 weeks.

Fundraising VP:

Mixed Bags fundraiser is coming up, but we don't know the exact dates. We won't do Mixed Bags next year at all. It is felt that it is better to take a break from it to rebuild demand for the following year.

We haven't been able to contact Tupperware so this fundraiser likely won't happen this year.

Social VP:

The Wolves game raised \$200 and was well attended.

Red Sled:

Cossitt sent out 'Save the Date' cards for their clothing sale. We may try this for Red Sled and it may be a good idea for other large events.

Garden Committee:

Funds: We have \$6,500 remaining from the \$46,000 raised from all activities last year. We still need just over \$6,000 to cover the rest of the furniture. The committee will poll the teachers for ideas on how to set that up and how many seats to plan for. The committee will meet with team leader teachers to present plans for the Outdoor Classroom and to solicit feedback on what they would like.

We will be doing another brick fundraiser for the spring. The Rotary Club is donating \$1,600 for the new bridge, and it will be ADA compliant. Much of the remaining work needs to wait until spring. We plan to install a chain at the playground entry to the grassy area to prevent some of the damage from kids riding bikes into the area.

The committee is working with Carol Johnson on curriculum. There is a push in outdoor education area for No Child Left INSIDE – see article from Dr. Boudreau (*Do Our Kids Have Nature-Deficit Disorder?* By Richard Louv, published on the ASCD website, attached).

We hope to finish the bridge and seating with our remaining \$6,500. We will need to fundraise for shade structures, about \$12,000 – \$15,000 for each.

So far, the entire project has come in way under budget. The original budget was \$90,000 – we have raised \$46,000, spent \$39,500 and need about \$15,000 more.

Fundraiser Ideas:

Get Your Green On adult and kid fundraiser – a dodge ball tournament at LG Park Rec Center around St. Pats.

Potentially do a t-shirt fundraiser around the Fall Centennial celebration. Committee needs to coordinate this with the Centennial committee, who are planning t-shirts as well.

Movie Night on a Friday in the spring: The movie will be free, but there will be food available for purchase.

Adult Battle of the Bands: There are several dads in the community who are in garage bands. Hope to get a promoter to do the event and hold it at a local bar.

Any money earned over the \$15,000 needed to complete the garden will be turned back over to PTC. Dr. Boudreau suggested that we should put the extra into a yearly maintenance fund to cover watering during the summer, re-seeding grass or new sod, etc.

Adjourn

Jennifer Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., Jennifer Harding seconded the motion.