

**Gunpowder Elementary PTA
Board of Directors Meeting
October 13, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

Present

Kristin Bull (BCPS), Krista DiPaula, Christine Green, Leeann Grutkowski, Chris Hagan, Phyllis Henry, Dawn Jones, Melissa Johnson, Chris Kirtz, Denise Prem, Mary Rew, Stacey Schwink, Sue Shanklin, Christine Smith (BCPS), Kathyne Snyder, Bobbi Sue Stiles, Melissa Strohmman, Christy Tamburello, and Amy Thomas.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. The minutes from the August 20, 2009 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Christy Tamburello, Acting Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report was presented. The balance as of 5/27/09 was \$13,646.48. Receipts of \$11,689.99 and Disbursements of \$12,156.18 brought the balance as of 10/7/09 to \$13,201.37.

President's Report – Chris Kirtz, President

Chris Kirtz, PTA President, provided the following updates on PTA events:

- Hot Dog Night was a huge success! Over 600+ hot dogs were served. Many compliments were paid to the PTA for a well organized event.
- Movie Night – Due to weather concerns the Movie Night scheduled for 10/17 will be moved to the rain date of 10/24. The location of Movie Night is Honeygo Regional Park.
- Holiday Bazaar – Due to work scheduled to take place in the school we cannot hold the Holiday Bazaar at the school. Alternate locations are being researched. Feedback from both vendors and parents is that they would like to have the Holiday Bazaar.

Environmental Beautification – Krista DiPaula, Chairperson

The fall cleanup was held on October 3rd. Thanks to the Strohmman Family whose entire family helped with the effort.

Market Day – Phyllis Henry, Chairperson

The last sale profited \$90 for the school. All proceeds are going to support technology initiatives and teacher needs. The order due in date has been moved up to support the change in pick up date. Brochures will continue to be sent home through Backpack Express.

Kids Stuff Books – Melissa Strohmman, Chairperson

There were 322 Kids Stuff books sold and 15+/- comped to the teachers for their help. The fundraiser raised \$2,000 more than budgeted.

Book Boogie – Chris Hagan, Chairperson

The Book Boogie will be the PTA's main fall fundraiser. The program will combine the best features of a read-a-thon and a dance-a-thon. Parents and friends will sponsor kids for their reading time only. Detailed information will be sent home the last week of October. The event will run 11/1 – 11/13 with the reading logs required 11/16 to qualify for prizes. There are 3-5 committee members to help facilitate the fundraiser.

Box Tops – Dawn Jones, Chairperson

There is an additional \$684.20 in Box Tops credits to be sent in for Gunpowder Elementary. A check will be issued in December. There has been an increase in the Box Tops submitted. Mrs. Smith has student volunteers from area high schools that she can have count Box Tops if we need assistance.

Membership – Rose McQuay, Chairperson (presented by Kristin Bull)

Mrs. Anderson's class has reached 100% participation in the PTA. There are another couple of classes that are 1-4 students shy of reaching the 100% goal. There are 514 members so far – giving the school 100% participation based on student enrollment.

5th Grade Basket/Vendor Fundraiser – Brenda Bennett, 5th Grade Steering Chairperson (presented by Chris Kirtz)

The fundraiser is being held on Friday, October 23rd at Tall Cedars in Parkville. There are still some tickets available – but they are going fast!

Pinwheels for Peace – Tori Banks, Chairperson (presented by Chris Kirtz)

The event went very well and the kids seemed to enjoy it!

Food Drive – Amy Thomas, Chairperson

We are considering doing two food drives in the fall – one with the State Department of Education that coincides with American Education Week and one in December to tie into the Chick-Fil-A core value of compassion.

Assemblies – Denise Prem, Chairperson

All the of the \$2,735 in the budget for assemblies will be used this year. The proposed assemblies are the following:

- 10/26 Mobile Science Lab
- 11/10 NED (yoyos)
- 11/17 The Naval Academy Band
- 12/23 “Bananas” by Blue Sky Puppets
- 3/4 “Are you ready?” by CTA
- 5/13 Joseph Stands With Many
- 5/24 Star Lab

Faculty Report – Kristin Bull, Faculty Representative

Mrs. Donohoe wanted to extend her thanks to the PTA and parent volunteers for helping with the Fun Run. The awards ceremony will be on Tuesday, October 20th. Mr. Werner has items to be picked up for his class' sponsored basket.

Principal's Report – Christine Smith, Principal

The administration is keeping close tabs on the health status of students. Teachers are doing their best to keep up with school work requests from parents of students who are absent. The custodians are following a specific routine to make sure surfaces and classrooms are kept clean. For updates on health and flu issues a couple of good websites to reference are www.baltocountymd.gov and www.cdc.gov.

The schedule for visitation during American Education Week has been set:

- 11/16 4th, 5th and Adaptive
- 11/17 3rd
- 11/18 Kindergarten & 1st
- 11/19 2nd & Primary Adaptive
- 11/20 Grandparents Day

There continues to be issues with parents who drive children to school obeying the traffic rules on Holiday Manor and the bus loop procedures. The safety of the children and the staff monitoring the bus loop is a #1 priority. Please pass along the word to parents to follow the rules.

Thanks for every dollar that is raised through the Box Tops and Market Day programs! A projection board for the library and Elmos have recently been purchased. All money raised through these programs go to support technology needs.

The school will be holding a tote bag fundraiser. The navy blue and silver bags will be sold for \$10 each and have the Gunpowder Elementary School logo and mascot on them.

Upcoming events at school include:

- 10/31 Halloween Parade – 2pm
- 11/10 Volunteer Training – 6pm (prior to PTA Board of Directors Meeting)
- 12/3 Kindergarten Winter Concert
- 12/16 Barnes & Noble Night
- 12/22 5th Grade Concert & PTA General Membership Meeting

New Business – Chris Kirtz, PTA President

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Johnson

Recording Secretary
Gunpowder Elementary School PTA