

**Pinchbeck Elementary School
PTA Board Meeting
March 18, 2010**

Present:

Jennifer Barnett
SuAnne Blair
Liz Farber
Paul Fincke
Liesel Geiger

Amy Gregory
Jessica Haddad
Marie Hess
Heidi Jadowski
Robin Jager

Brooke Khan
Jessica McLane
Alicia Shelton
Louise Stephens
Michelle West

Opening: The regular meeting of the Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA Board was held on March 18, 2010, in the Pinchbeck library. Liesel Geiger called the meeting to order at 5:52 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Liz Farber moved that the minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting be approved. Amy Gregory seconded. The minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting stand approved.

Canterbury Garden Club: Mary Waters and Margaret Montgomery, representatives of the Canterbury Garden Club, spoke to the board regarding plans for the outdoor classroom. They have designed a landscape plan for the outdoor classroom. There will be a backdrop garden which will create a visual barrier to the intersection. Side gardens and an entryway garden will enclose the classroom. They have chosen drought tolerant, low maintenance, native plants to make upkeep simpler. They have received a \$900 grant and are waiting to hear on another \$1000. They would like to plant in May. They recommend we have a committee to maintain the classroom for the first couple years until the plants are established. They would like to put the plan on the website. A new position, Beautification, has been added to the board and will be filled by Margaret Montgomery. Mary Waters will present the plan to the teachers. Jennifer Barnett will email Margaret the name of a contact at Luckstone, who might donate dirt.

Officer's Reports:

President-Elect – Liz Farber announced the nominees for the Executive Board. She will announce them at the General Meeting this evening.

President-Elect – Marie Hess

Vice President – Kelly Whitley

Treasurer – Robin Jager

Recording Secretary – Cathy Calhoun

Corresponding Secretary- SuAnne Blair

Liz also announced Running Club will start the Monday after Spring Break. The Fun Run will be May 22 at Godwin.

Vice-President – Kelly Whitley reported that Programs assisted with the Book Fair and Pasta dinner. They also assisted with the ESL dinner. She is planning a retirement party for Mike Smith on March 31 in the library at 2:30. On April 12th, 2nd grade will have a program on Ancient Egypt, featuring indigenous animals. The Science Fair is scheduled for April 15. Students will receive an extra grade if they participate. The program will be "Building a Better World". The evening will focus on engineering and physics. They will use recycled items to build and create. They will need volunteers for set up, working at stations and clean up.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair – Jennifer Barnett reported the Book Fair was a huge success. They made \$2800 in profit. The pasta dinner alone earned \$1000.

Community Service – Michelle West reported that Rays Reaching Out collected 923 books for Books on Wheels. In March, the service project is the Math-a-thon for St. Judes. In April, the project will be letters for Blue Star and collecting toys for children in Iraq or Afghanistan. The last event will be the fifth grade project in June, Change for Charities.

Field Day – Marie Ramkey needs tshirt orders in before Spring Break. She is working with Ken Combs from Corporate Imprints. She is getting the shirts for \$3.60, which should cover staff and faculty shirts. Corporate Imprints will give 25 cent credit for each shirt, if anyone works with them in the future.

Volunteers – Please vote for Volunteer of the Year.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Eggleston reported the ESL evening went well and thanked the PTA for their participation. Thirty five families were invited and twelve attended. The county provided information to the parents regarding GED and adult ESL classes. He would like to have another dinner in October.
- Mike Smith is retiring. Mr. Eggleston would like to recognize him during the General Meeting this evening.
- He is working to resolve the electrical issue in the office.
- The school passed the safety audit with high commendations.

Housekeeping:

- Liesel Geiger requested that the front office be notified if you are having things dropped off in the office.
- The Outdoor Picnic will be held at the end of the year, late May or early June. Heidi is working on a time capsule. It will be a simple evening. Bring your own picnic and a bake sale. Maybe Mark Seccia can DJ.

Announcements:

- Wed, March 31 Last Day of After School Enrichment
- Fri, April 2 Half Day
- April 5-9 Spring Break
- Thurs, April 15 Board meeting 5:45pm Library
- Thurs, April 15 Science Fair 6:30pm Cafeteria and Gym
- Thurs, April 29 General Meeting & 4th Grade Recorder Concert 7pm, Cafeteria

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Marie Hess

The minutes were: ___approved as submitted ___approved as corrected