

Minutes of the
Roosevelt School PTO Meeting
December 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members present: Co-Presidents, Beth Walsh and Kelly LeComte, Vice President Christine Richards, Treasurer Heather Keegan and Secretary Karen McCarthy.

Thanks for coming out! Roosevelt Rockstars for December are: Student - Autumn Whelan (Mrs. Wantanabe's class)...Parent - Sara Gravante...Staff - Susan Jones. Congratulations to our December Rockstars!

It was an awesome and busy month - Wreath and Greenery sale was a great success. 5th Grade raffle event was a fantastic and successful family night at J.J. Grimsby's. Thanks to Bob McElry(sp?) for hosting and donating some of the proceeds back to the class. Thanks to Sam van Beever for the Genevieve's event. And the Halloween party was an unexpected money maker and the kids had a blast. Elaine Breen and Angela Foti held another gold party for the Auction. Barnes and Noble Book Fair was amazing, the art displayed was beautiful. Cradles and Crayons sent a letter of recognition for our participation. Fundraising has been very good, but we are getting lots of requests for financial need and we need to consider how we allocate our money and project if we need to do more to cover the needs of our school community.

Principal's Report: Kerry Clery - the city has cracked down on the ethics laws - all teachers are required to take an online test to verify they know the new codes. Teachers and anyone paid by the city are not allowed to collect any gifts that exceed the amount of \$50. This affects what room parents are doing for gifts. To work around this - a \$75 gift certificate would need to be given in two amounts (\$50 and \$25) that may add up to \$75, but are individually less than \$50. Laurie Mistretta has been contacted about this and she will distribute this information to the room parents.

This week is Inclusion week - K,1,2 and 3-5 will be having Team Roosevelt meetings discussing children with differences.

E-Camp - presentation that was made to parents and teachers was not received well. The hope is that parents will not be scared away by this presentation and another representative has offered to come back for another presentation if it was deemed necessary, but only 10 families responded with interest. Possibly another meeting would be useful. Parents and children in the past have enjoyed this and historically it has been successful.

Treasurer's Report:

Significant impacts - Genevieve's fundraiser - 4616.86. Halloween party - 400. Wreath sale - 1369.95. Teacher subscriptions - \$204 for Brain Pop has been paid! 5th Grade - E-camp. Cooke dough sale - 907.60.

Field trips are being scheduled and bus fees will be paid. We need to get a grasp on the number of trips scheduled and our projected costs for the buses.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded and Approved.

City Wide: Beth Walsh gave this report. 1st item (ethics laws) was already covered by Mrs. Clery. City wide calendar is being sponsored - looking for PTO representative who might want to post on the web site for all PTO related events. Discussion about informal scheduling rule of elementary schools scheduling events on mon-tues-wed and middle and high school on th and friday. This helps eliminate conflicts for families.

Visual media policy was discussed - when showing movies in class is appropriate.

Mt. Hood funding...could it be used for support of city-wide fields and parks rather than only Mt. Hood? Playground safety was discussed. High incidence of injuries was reported at one of the elementary schools.

A teacher from the Lincoln School has written a childrens book and it can be purchased through the Lincoln School PTO.

Auction Update: Alaine Breen - Anyone who has signed up to volunteer has been contacted by email. All others interested in volunteering should contact the committee. Donor solicitations will be sent out soon. 2nd Gold party was held and the committed netted \$1110 total from both parties. The Gold party company also donated 3 signed sports photos for the auction. The gold parties were done specifically to fund teachers and staff who would like to come to the auction. It would be great to see a lot of teachers be able to enjoy a night out!

5th Grade Recognition Night - Ellen O'Neill...meeting next week on the 16th at Panera. Looking at Monday, June 7th for the date at the Highlands Congregational Church. Raffle went well...over \$2800 was raised by the event. Cookie dough sale did not do as well...maybe the timeframe was too quick or possibly the fact that it was done over the Thanksgiving break. The amount raised was not as much as was expected, but the budget is being trimmed for the event, so it should be fine. Thanks to Giovanna for running the sale. If necessary, the group might want to do a 3rd fundraiser to raise funds for the event as well as to help families with e-camp funding.

4th grade has begun to get together to begin planning for next year's event. This is great!

Sara Martin - some information regarding the possibility that the school calendar next year. The School Board may be considering nine half-days instead of the current full day professional development days that are currently in place. Anyone who has an opinion on this should contact the school committee with their comments.

Kathy Nottingham - the school is looking for a replacement for the Winter Wonderland event - she purchased around 400 items this year.

Motion to approve the minutes from November meeting, seconded and passed.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.