

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Giesinger Elementary PTO

**Monday, February 20, 2006**

In attendance:

Shavonda Foley	Jenny Watson	Lisa Harrison	Janet Council
Erica Chaney	Kelly Stevenson	Mary Awalt	Lori Duncan
Martha Reeves	Heather Nichols	Janie Garza	

Shavonda welcomed everyone and began the meeting with prayer.

### **President's Message**

#### **"Characteristics of an effective group"**

- Purpose- Keep the purpose and mission of the group clear.
- Interaction-This is key in becoming more flexible, pliable and useful.
- Perceived Unity-We need to keep a mutually owned purpose and ongoing interaction to enable the group to keep the objectives and goals clear. Rather than focusing on the difficulties that hold us back from our goals.
- Interdependence-Teamwork is key. Just like a relay race. The outcome of the race, rest on all the members.

Shavonda then passed out paper cut-outs of umbrellas. She asked for everyone to write their names and numbers on them. She then mixed them up and passed them out. And within the next week we are to all call our person in order to help "cover" them as an umbrella. To help form unity.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from January 23 were presented. Lori Duncan motioned to approve and Janie Garza seconded. The motion passed.

### **Announcements**

It was announced that Valerie Durham has resigned as secretary. Heather Nichols was asked to step in as secretary for the remainder of the year. She accepted.

Mrs. Winters says she will not be needing the second payment for the books she had requested. She has received a grant that will cover them. She really appreciates what the PTO has done. She is now requesting help for a conference she plans to attend in April. It will cost less than \$200.

### **Treasure**

Lori Duncan presented financial reports dated February 6 which showed a balance of \$13,530.92. This did not include movie night which was \$868.00. Lori stated that everything was paid that needed to be.

### **Principal**

Mrs. Watson informed us all that TAKS testing would begin next week for the fourth grade. And that they are looking forward to good results.

Awards:

- Jerri Smith was awarded Teacher of the Year.
- Cheryl Satterfield was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year.
- Shavonda Foley was awarded the Friend of Education.

Giesinger will be holding a bowl-a-thon March 25 to raise money for Junior Achievement. There will be two teams of 5 people. Each team needs to raise \$500 a total of \$1000. Teachers have been raising

money by paying a dollar a day to wear jeans. The deadline is March 10. Mrs. Watson is asking for \$250 from the PTO and it was agreed on to table this until we know how much was raised.

Mrs. Watson informed us about the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade having the opportunity to attend the parade with Mrs. Perry on March 2.

March 8 there will be a presidents meeting at 9:00.

### **Movie Night**

Shavonda reported for Ronette Rodriguez that movie night went very smoothly. There was a good size group. It appeared that sending out rules and guidelines was a big help. The net profit was \$868.00.

### **Penny Partners**

It was reported to be going well. Attempts are being made to collect incentives from businesses in the area. Gray Stone (the new builders next to our school) has said they will match up to \$1000.

### **AR**

Shavonda Foley reported for Jennifer West that it is going well. There will be a party at the end of the year and children are still getting awards.

### **Yearbook**

The deadline for purchasing a yearbook for \$15 is March 1 and after that it will be \$20. And letters are being sent out.

### **Cultural Arts**

The bird show went well and the children loved it. Nana Puddin has been booked for next year. March 24 will be the last scheduled activity. Mrs. McManis, who is an author, will come and read to the children.

### **Teachers Luncheon**

Mrs. Watson says that the luncheons have been a huge treat. Last month's lunch was chili and next Tuesday will be a pasta lunch. Mrs. Watson reported that the teachers are enjoying the monthly meals and feeling very special and cared for.

### **Field trips**

Second grade will be going on their field trip March 23 to the IMAX.

Kindergarten will be going to the Seven Acre Woods (changed from HuckleBerry Hill).

The third grade will go to the Houston Police Academy May 17.

This will be the conclusion of field trips for this year.

### **Spring Talent Show**

The talent show will be held May 18 from 5 to 8. Shavonda Foley is working on the silent auction. She would appreciate any help with donated auction items. It was also talked about possibly getting class projects or class baskets to auction.

### **Unfinished Business**

Shavonda reported that we have received a copier through Brets Bargain Barn and it is in good condition after being checked out. The copier will need a cartridge that will be about \$200. Brets Bargain Barn has donated \$100 and she asked if the PTO would be interested in donating the other \$100. Then Kelly Stevenson said she would donate \$20 and Erica Chaney gave the other \$80 needed. Everyone was very appreciative and Shavonda thanked them. Now the work can be started.

**New Business**

There will be a Easter basket raffle. There will be one for the children and one for the adults.

Mrs. Winters requested \$100 for her conference the Texas Elementary Counselor Conference. Lori Duncan motioned and Shavonda seconded. Motion approved.

May nominations are coming up for the PTO. Shavonda asked that you only choose one job so you will not be over loaded and you can do that job well.

Texas Road House is going to be having a night for Giesinger. Families from Giesinger can take the flier for that night and Giesinger will receive 10% back. Giesinger's day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in each month.

**Other Business**

Shavonda asked for self evaluations to be turned in. This will help the volunteers who follow us understand the job and make it better. It is time to send in information for the newsletter. We are needing to do a parent and teacher survey over the fundraiser. Mrs. Watson suggested we included it in the end of year survey by March 7. This will continue to be worked on.

A new t-shirt for next year is being designed in a baseball jersey style. There will be an example at the next meeting.

**Upcoming**

There will be a bake sale following the second grade program. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help would be appreciated.

Starting March 1 the stage will be available for garage sale items. The garage sale will be held Saturday, March 25 from 8-11 and the pricing is still being discussed. Martha Reeves will be putting an ad in the newspaper about the garage sale.

Martha Reeves brought up an idea for allowing a mobile company put a tower on the flag pole. She saw it on the news and another school was making \$500 a month. She will be checking on it.

There is still a need for four more people to help with gift of time in special education.

We all enjoyed delicious pancakes from Shavonda Foley before and after the meeting.

Heather Nichols