

Artondale Elementary PTA Meeting  
September 9, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9pm

In attendance were Kristi Lovgren, Pam Foley, Damon Joyner, Chris Bollert, Sharie Marquett, Alicia Elliot, Teresa Butler and Dan Marquett.

Damon will hand off the checkbook and Treasurer duties to Pam while he is out of town. He will contact Kris Munro to see if she is still interested in a co-treasurer position.

We will set Aug 31 as the end of our fiscal year.

When Pam and Mark Thomas (former board member on listed on the account) went to Venture Bank to close out the account there they were unable to do it until a second former board member who was on the account could come and sign off on closing it. However, we received a statement from Venture bank listing our account as closed and our ending balance as zero. This did not make sense as a check was not written out to us and we were waiting to have Angie, the former board member on the account, close it. Damon will call Venture Bank and try to figure out what is going on and where the money from that account is.

Sharie will ask Nicole Nesbitt about talking to the Stork family to put the memorial money toward AR since Damon has been unable to contact her.

Dan Marquett spoke about technology and gave us some input as to things to think about for our future technology purchases. Some concerns about the small notebook computers we had thought of buying are that with the smaller size they may be more susceptible to theft, and breakage. We should expect them to last 3 years at the most. We also need to factor in the cost of the charging stations/carts. Teresa Butler felt that the District is in favor of the notebooks because they are less expensive than desk tops but she also felt teachers would need more training to learn about the new computers. With many of our desktops getting old and the district not planning to replace them as they die we may decide to put technology money to desk tops rather than notebooks.

Pam makes a motion to put the Spell-a-thon fundraiser money towards desk top computers. Alicia seconds the motion and all agree.

Teresa will try to talk at the general meeting to inform the parents about the desktop computer needs and AR. The new Accelerated Reader system will cost \$2166 (start up \$600, yearly \$1400 and tax) for 350 kids. Teresa Butler will double check the amounts.

Sharie announced that all scheduled events now have chairpersons.

The PTA Welcome packet will go home in the Thursday folders tomorrow.

Alicia Elliot and Lily Grover were voted in as membership chairpersons.

Kristie will contact Pierce Country to accept their offer of doing a Disaster Preparedness talk at the November general meeting.

For open house next week Alicia will have a table for membership. Sharie will have a table for spirit wear. Kristie and Pam will make popcorn. Chris will help with clean up, especially popcorn to help ease the burden on the custodians.

Para-educators have expressed that they feel left out of the teacher direct funds since they also spend money out of pocket on students. Damon will let them know that the money given to the teachers goes to help all of the students in their classroom including those with paras so those students are already being helped by those funds. The para-educators could discuss this issue with the specific teacher to see if they can work something out with the distribution of funds among themselves. We do not feel we can add more people to be receiving direct funds.

Shari will ask about meeting shortly with the teachers on a Wed am to let them know about our budget to keep them informed as to what to expect for the coming school year.

Pam motioned to make the spring event a dance, Alicia seconds the motion and all agreed. The possible date to be January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kristie will contact the KJRFm dance DJ service about it.

We will do our Ben and Jerry's night in April.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

