

**Gunnison Valley PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2011**

Meeting called to order: 6:45 PM

Those in attendance: Sara Bergstrom, Tara Heger, Michelle Gallowich, Rita Merrigan, Robyn Robinson, Annie Yoder, and Jen Hutchison (via Skype).

I. Pops and Pumpkins

- A. Rita Merrigan stated that the flyers for the event would go home in this week's Friday folders. The flyer includes a pre-order form for pumpkins which should be turned in by Monday, October 17.
- B. The event will take place Friday, October 21 from 6-8 PM in the GES Commons.
- C. It was decided that this year PTA would purchase 85 pumpkins, ten more than last year, in order to have enough on-hand for the event.
- D. Walmart has agreed to sell PTA the pumpkins for \$2 each, and possibly assist with carving kits as well.
- E. The middle school SLC will assist with the event, particularly set-up. As a token of thanks, Rita would like to give each SLC helper a pumpkin if possible.
- F. It was agreed that the event would include a table set up with membership forms and t-shirts.
- G. Annie Yoder will send out a mass email requesting help with the event from PTA-ers. Rita will email Monica Hutson regarding a school-wide email.
- H. Annie Yoder will contact Maribeth regarding use of her knives, which she has provided in past years.
- I. Sara Bergstrom will purchase snacks for the event--pretzels and popcorn. Tara Heger and Rita will organize drinks---water and cups.
- J. Michelle Gallowich suggested that clubs like SLC and others might be interested in running the snack portion of the event next year as a fundraiser for their club.
- K. A free raffle will be conducted during the event using miscellaneous samples from the fundraiser, etc. Rita Merrigan will take care of the details of the raffle.

II. Fundraiser

- A. It was noted that the products available seem to be of good quality and at reasonable prices.
- B. Monday, October 24 forms are due at the GES office. Forms need to be collected and money counted and double-checked against orders.
- C. Tara Heger will contact Lori Smock at the Bus Barn to discuss staggered schedule of product delivery. This seemed to work well last year for the bus drivers.

- D. Jen Hutchison stated that prizes and product were to be boxed per student, and would arrive at GES labeled with the child's name. PTA would then be responsible for delivery of the product to the teachers. She will check on the date of delivery for the product.
- E. Jen also noted that she had gone online herself, and was able to set up an account easily to order directly from the company.

III. Membership

- A. It was agreed that PTA would set up a table during Pops and Pumpkins with membership forms to encourage new members.
- B. Tara Heger will send out another newsletter either in November or December, 2011 with the form attached as well.
- C. Tara will also speak with Sally Hensley about placing a blurb in the online Mustang Bulletin each week regarding PTA membership and upcoming meetings.

IV. Reflections

- A. Annie Yoder stated that she had lined up two of the four needed judges for the local Reflections contest. She will follow-up with the other two judges.
- B. Annie will also send home a reminder about the deadline in next week's Friday folders. The deadline is November 4.
- C. Rita Merrigan reminded her to send it to Translation Services as well.

V. Lego Club

- A. Sara Bergstrom agreed to contact Brooke Ash and Kristen Seymour to find out the status of the Lego Club idea.
- B. Using GES letterhead to contact Lego itself, to obtain free product, was agreed to be a good idea.

VI. GES Ski Program

- A. The ski program occurs in January of 2012. It allows 4th and 5th graders an opportunity to ski at Mt. Crested Butte four separate times for \$100. The program occurs during school hours.
- B. Tara Heger stated that in years past scholarships had been available. (Rita Merrigan stated that these monies had been part of a fund that was no longer available--the money had been used.)
- C. It was agreed that Tara and Rita would look into the details of the existing program and speak with the necessary people to gain information.
- D. It was suggested that PTA donate money toward an alternate option for those students who were unable to afford this program or opted out of it. (It was believed that those students would have to go to "school" instead of the four fun days allowed to those who paid.)
- E. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting, after more information is gained.

VII. Bookfair

- A. Tara Heger stated that the library Book Fair would not happen this year.
- B. She had spoken with Kim Fuller, the current Library Aide, and agreed to look into other options to take the Book Fair's place. The goal was to revisit the concept for future years.
- C. Scholastic forms would be sent home by individual teachers for classroom libraries, but a specific sale for the library would not happen this year.

VIII. T-Shirts

- A. Annie Yoder asked for discussion regarding PTA's sale of school t-shirts.
- B. PTA currently has a large inventory of shirts, both GES and Lake School.
- C. Monica Hutson has agreed to sell the shirts from her front office, in addition to school folders and pencils. (Thank you Monica!)
- D. Robyn Robinson stated that the embroidered Lake hoodies were supplied by another company than that screen-printed shirts.
- E. It was agreed that the current inventory would be sold before other options were visited.
- F. It was also agreed that PTA would make no further "bulk buys". If PTA continued to organize the sale of shirts, specific orders would be placed and only those shirts purchased. (For example, two orders a year could be placed, once in the fall, and once in the spring.) At this time, no orders will be placed until the current inventory is sold.

IX. Next meeting

- A. The next meeting will be held November 8, 2011 at Lake School at 6:30 PM in the conference room.
- B. The December 13th meeting will be held at True Value Hardware's Ice Cream Shoppe. The business has graciously agreed to open their doors to PTA after hours (Thanks True Value!). This meeting will be "Bring a Friend Night".

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM