

**Gunnison Valley PTA
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012**

Meeting called to order: 6:30 PM in GES Commons

In attendance: Tara Heger, Kelly Downum, Maribeth Privette, Annie Yoder, Sara Bergstrom, and Cindy McKee.

I. Cindy McKee updated PTA on the status of the GES Yearbook.

- A. Cindy's middle school Journalism class is creating this year's Yearbook. She is very pleased with the progress they have made to date!
- B. Cindy stated that she is promoting a formal presale in which yearbooks are for sale at the discounted cost of \$16. She has sent home two notes in the Friday folders, and has sold 50 books so far. She hopes to sell another 50 using this presale method.
- C. She noted that the actual cost of the books is \$15.89, so no profit is being made on these at the presale price.
- D. Cindy requested money from PTA to "underwrite" the cost of extra yearbooks. (Eventually, she would like to see ALL books presold, however, she realizes that at the elementary level this may not be ideal.) The cost would be approximately \$1500 for 100 books.
 - 1. Tara Heger will check on the number of extra books in the PTA supply from past years, and contact Cindy McKee. This number will better help Cindy know how many extra yearbooks to buy.
 - 2. Those present agreed to help fund the cost of buying extra yearbooks. Tara will contact the Board once a final number has been determined.
 - 3. It was noted that this cost will be paid back to PTA once the extra books are sold.
- E. Cindy requested that PTA set up a "booth" during the Ice Cream Social, typically in May, in which her students could sell the yearbooks.
- F. It was also noted that Cindy needs pictures! She plans to send home a note or email to parents requesting these, especially for classes that her students have been unable to capture with their own cameras.

II. The Door Decorating Contest was discussed.

- A. Annie Yoder will send an email to Rita Merrigan, who has organized this event, requesting clarification of the judging date.
- B. UPDATE: The judging will take place on Friday, January 27. Rita has already sent an email out to teachers, and will send a reminder out as well, to both GES and Lake school.

- C. Kelly Downum and Sara Bergstrom will judge Lake school in the morning, and Tara Heger and Maribeth Privette will judge GES in the afternoon.
- D. Tara Heger will be purchasing prizes for the winning classrooms.
- E. It was determined that the criteria for judging would be: 1) theme, 2) student participation, and 3) creativity/originality.

III. Kelly Downum updated PTA about Preschool Spirit Days.

- A. The date of Thursday, March 15th was determined to be the best date for this event.
- B. Kelly will organize this event.

IV. Barb Haus's request for funds for the Artist-in-Residence program was discussed.

- A. Tara clarified that the request was to cover costs for NEXT year's program.
- B. Annie motioned to give \$200 to this program for the 2012-2013 school year. Sara Bergstrom seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

V. The fundraiser survey was discussed.

- A. Cindy McKee agreed to create a survey using Google Forms. She stated that this program is superior to Survey Monkey because it is free.
- B. Annie Yoder will draft questions, 10-15, and propose them to the Board via email. She will then send them to Cindy.
- C. The survey will be sent out to the school mailing list in order to get parent feedback regarding the PTA Fundraiser, Believe Kids.

VI. Tara Heger spoke about the Talent Show, which she is organizing.

- A. Tryouts will be Monday, February 6, in Nancy Santerella's room.
- B. Tara will send home a notice in the Jan. 20 Friday folder.
- C. The show will be for grades K – 5th. Practices will be held Feb. 13 – 17. The final show will be Friday, Feb. 17.
- D. Tara stated that the entrance fee (set at 50 cents last year) will again go toward the charity chosen by participants.
- E. Tara stated that she would need judges, as well as volunteers to help coordinate the students during practices and the final show.

VII. Tara also spoke about Girls on the Run.

- A. She updated the group on this year's regulations and schedule.
 - 1. This program will start on February 23, and go through May 7, 2012. The race will be held May 5th in Grand Junction.
 - 2. 3rd – 5th grade girls may participate, with the fee being \$50 per student.
 - 3. There may be 15 girls per each coach. So far, there are two coaches. Thus, there will be 30 available spots.
- B. Tara requested money from PTA to help with scholarships for girls wishing to participate but unable to afford the fee. (Last year, this included a large number of students.)

1. Maribeth Privette motioned to give \$650 to the program. (This is the amount that PTA gave last year as well.) All those present agreed.
2. It was determined that \$150 would go towards snacks for the students, and the other \$500 toward scholarships.

VIII. Conference Dinners were discussed briefly.

- A. Maribeth Privette agreed to organize these dinners.
- B. She will confirm the dates of Spring conferences, and update the group.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Our next meeting is February 7th, at 6:30PM, at Mocha's.

(Please note: There will be no babysitter provided on this date.)