

Dogwood PTA Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009

A meeting of the Dogwood PTA was held on January 12, 2009 at Dogwood Elementary. The meeting was called to order by our President, Elaine West. The Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a quorum were present. The minutes from the meeting on December 8, 2009 had been distributed electronically, and were approved as read.

Michelle McDonnell from Germantown Parks and Recreation spoke to us about upcoming events in Germantown. FYI publications came home in backpacks yesterday. You may also view upcoming events on the city's website.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Principal: Mrs. Simpson informed us that our attendance numbers remain the same. We had six children transfer out over the semester break, but we also had six children transfer in. She is also interviewing for a first grade teacher, as well as a teacher's assistant.

President: Elaine stated that our next meeting is an evening meeting. She asked that committee members make every effort to attend.

Vice President: Carol announced those chosen for the PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. They are Joli Williams, Lou Carmichael, and Trish Vaughn. Carol also told us that her teacher fund spending is almost complete. Full time teachers were allocated \$100 and part time teachers \$50.

Treasurer: Trish Vaughan gave us account balances as of December 31, 2009. Our checking account balance is \$5,539.82, our general savings account is \$52,851.51, and the Caroline Turns memorial fund balance is \$3614.60. Monies from the donation drive are being spent.

Secretary: Lisa passed thank you notes given to PTA by the faculty.

Science Action Lab: Monique told us that the mad scientist had visited Dogwood in December. She also informed us that the Natural History Education Company would be at Dogwood on January 20th to present desert animals to all grades at our school. Inspector Nectar is schedule for March 9th and 10th. Monique also informed us that she needs volunteers to help with the science labs; she is especially having trouble filling the afternoon labs.

Winterfest: Tara reminded everyone that **W**interfest is January 23rd. Donations are still needed, and accepted. They also asked that anyone with Wii rock band that is willing to loan it out to please let them know. Malissa announced that lanyards will be given out as prizes to the first 200 students who turn in ticket presales, to encourage presales.

Teacher Appreciation: Jennifer announced teacher appreciation week as the week of February 22nd. She told everyone that Jennifer Young and Lisa Marcom have agreed to make the casseroles for Tuesday night dinner, as well as catering the luncheon on Friday. Room moms will need to coordinate bread and desserts for Tuesday night. The committee will provide a "happy" for teachers on Monday, and Thursday children will bring gifts or gift cards for their teacher, as well as their MAPS teacher for that day.

Newsletter/Website: Tona informed us that a meeting was attended regarding our website. She plans to migrate to a Yahoo site, with a rollout planned for February. A Dogwood father has offered to design a new logo for us. Tona also plans to have the Winterfest auction baskets available to view via the website.

Reading Enrichment: Elaine spoke on behalf of Catherine Arick. She told us that volunteers will be needed in the near future to sticker AR levels on the new books in our library.

Room Parents: Lisa Farlow spoke on behalf of Kim Jenkins. She told everyone that the next room parent meeting will be January 14th. She asked that committees email her ASAP if they need to be on her agenda. The next room parent

meeting will not be until March 25th, so any committee that needs to coordinate with the room moms before the March meeting will need to speak in January. She also thanked everyone for a successful winter classroom party.

Ways and Means: Laura had Schnuck's cards on hand for anyone who wanted to take one and sign up. From August to November, \$800 has been raised for our school from Schnuck's and that is with only 65 people participating. She also informed us that Domino's night is January 14th.

Faculty: Mrs. Shifflette told us about a new wrap song the children are learning about manners.

Old Business: Jennifer Campbell reminded everyone that the deadline to purchase yearbooks is January 15th. Science fair entries are due on January 21st.

New Business: International Day is January 15th, with sixteen countries represented. There will be afternoon performances with Indian, Chinese, and Irish dancing. Elaine thanked Kalyani Garde for her work on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next scheduled meeting is February 9, 2010 at 6p.m.

Lisa Farlow, secretary

Date

Approved as Read

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I move that Cindy Funck be added as co chair to the Environmental committee.

So moved by: Gigi Hatfield

Seconded: Ann Lowery

Action taken: Approved January 13, 2009