

Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2013, 9:30am

Volunteer Hours:

719 + what is recorded today (48)

Attendance:

Amy Chariton	Rachelle Bolingbroke
Cathy Ambrose	Katie Anderson
Karen Wynn	Mimi Petty
Adelia Esseltine	
Melanie Holdaway	
Bunney Schmidt	

Reverence: *Bunney Schmidt*

“What is Success?” by Edgar A. Guest

Approval of Minutes: *Cathy Ambrose, Secretary*

January 2013 minutes approved

Motion: Karen Wynn

2nd: Amy Chariton

Treasurer's Report: *Karen Wynn*

- The report reflects changes made the previous month
- The banner's budget needs to be used. WatchDOGS could use banners and so could After School Programs
 - Carnival Closet space issues. Cathy brought up utilizing the ceiling space with hanging type shelves.
- Karen proposed to modify White Ribbon Week budget to \$450. Motion approved: Katie Anderson
 - Amy: would like to get Mike Forsythe who does “Inspired Assemblies”. She feels they are pricey, but was told by Mr. Forsythe that if we refer another school, he will give us a “significant deduction”. Before deduction the assembly costs \$375.

Principal Report: *Rachelle Bolingbroke, Principal*

- *WatchDOGS:* She and Amy presented to Elementary Principals and to the District
- *Safety:*
 - Plans are in place to improve safety. She has been to training with the Orem PD. They will train the entire faculty in the future.
 - *Evacuation drills:* Some schools have had evacuation drills where the students are released to the parents. Suggested it be performed yearly every fall.
 - *Safety Week:* Maybe do it in the spring, the fall is too busy for the PTA.
 - *Automated Check in system:* When at Harvest Hills, they had to check in using a dedicated computer. It scanned your driver's license and you also indicated what you would be doing at the school and calculated how long you had been at the school at check out.
 - Cathy talked about how office is not that accessible to parents, making checking in complicated and unenforceable. Rachelle explained how any renovations of that type would be a bond issue and not a “capitol funds” project. Capitol funds are being used to make our elevator up to code. More parental support is needed at the meetings held yearly with John Patton and JoDee Sundberg. Parents said it is hard because the meetings always seem to occur as school is letting out. What if we could designate a more convenient time, like directly after the PTA meeting. Rachelle said she would see if she could

schedule the meeting not to get hopefully get the requested time. Karen also suggested that if it was presented as a safety issue to the district, we would get more action to the district.

- *Texts via Twitter:* Still looking to set up a twitter account to use as a free text service to communicate better with parents.

President's Report: *Amy Chariton*

- *Procedure Book:* requests for updates.
- *Volunteer sign-ups:* Need help with After School Programs, Stephanie Ellis needs help with parent supervisors and to help watch straggler kids while waiting for rides. Mimi Petty suggested that StuCo could assist with checking in.
- *Storytelling Judging:* Feb 20. Bunney Schmidt suggested Lori Sanders be asked to be a finalist judge, she is very qualified.
 - Bunney also added that Lakeridge that PTSA needs help. It could be asked in the newsletter for parents with 6th graders to help out. Cathy said it could include Orem Jr. too. Bunney pointed out helping at the Jr. High level is much less taxing than elementary. Karen added she is not receiving emails from Lakeridge.
- *Dads and Donuts:* 7:30-8am and 6-7pm with book swap.
- *WatchD.O.G.S. Bulletin Board:* need volunteer to make a wall of fame. Cathy will tackle it.
- *Nominating Committee:* Need a president, pres-elect, secretary and asst treasurer (treasurer in training). Karen suggested Angie Hill be approached as an asst. treasurer. Suggestions for President: Lori Sanders, Lori Atoa, Mindy Harmon, Amy Madsen, Katie Anderson (cant commit, does not know where they'll be living next year), Melanie Holdaway

Misc:

- *Adelia Esseltine* Excellence in Education. Email notification is working well. Will send another on Thursday. Teachers will vote for the Volunteer in Excellence. Karen said when she was in charge of it, she gave the teachers copies of the parents letters of why they would be their choice of teacher of the year – omitting the submitter's name. Deadline for recommendations is this Friday, the 8th.
- Storytelling finalist assembly is on the 25th
- White Ribbon week and boxtops week: 19-22nd. White Ribbon Week assembly on the 19th and challenges for kids each day.
- Book Fair. Bunney doesn't like all the eye candy her kids came home with. Is there a way to request not so many toys be made for sale or does that bring in the bulk of the money for the teachers/media center? Rachelle said that would have to be looked into. Katie said she liked the teacher donation board.
- Beautification Day is taken care of. Another scout has selected it as his Eagle Project.
- Kindergarten registration begins Thursday the 7th. Spread the word. There are too many late registrations each August. Parents need to bring a birth certificate and current immunization record. It was suggested to announce registration on the marquee and ward bulletins.

Adjourned: 10:34

Next meeting: Mar 5th at 9:30am