

BIRCH GROVE PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2008
4:30-5:30pm Conference Room

Board Members Present: LeAnne Tieman, Lori Swedeen, Lisa Monson, Pam Gangestad, Janean Huser.

Fundraisers: The sale of **Happenings Books/Gold C Books** raised approximately \$2,600. Budgeted \$2,300. The final amount will be tallied later this month. The PTO received a \$150.00 MasterCard gift card from the Entertainment Company. This can be used for prizes at Turkey Bingo or the school carnival.

Soup labels, box tops, milk caps, ink cartridges will be submitted at the end of this month by Pam Gangestad. An estimated \$400.00 has been raised through these programs and will be deposited into the PTO budget.

Currently, a total of 37,204 points have been collected in soup labels and the PTO board members will use these to purchase items for the school carnival.

Market Day brought in a profit of \$207.60 for the first month of sales.

Turkey Bingo will be held November 21 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. A letter of donations went out this week. Natasha Rambacchus is in charge of prize solicitation, Karon Tollefson is chairing concessions, Jodie Albrecht will pick up blotters, (bingo cards not needed), LeAnne T. has applied and received the gambling permit for the evening. New concession signs and pricing signs will need to be made. LeAnne T. will check with other schools to check on pricing of bingo cards. Lisa M. will email staff and ask for donation of turkeys. The **Silver Bell fundraiser** items will also be available for pick up that evening. The **Movie Night** fundraiser is still being considered. Information from Joan Magnuson was given to Lori S. The cost for a permit is \$400.00 for a year. Need to find out if it is a calendar year or school year, what movies are available for showing, etc. The **Scholastic Book Fair** was a success. \$500.00 was deposited into the checking account and approximately \$240.00 will be given to the media center to purchase books. Joan Magnuson will be notified of this. This year we would like the **Carnival** to be more multicultural and also integrate the arts during Tentare. LeAnne T. will meet with Lacy Cannon, student learning advocate at BG, to discuss how to incorporate the cultures and games from around the world. The silent auction was discussed briefly. A chairperson is still needed for

this. Much of the information on how the silent auction works and the fliers that are sent out have already been prepared for this year's auction by the previous chairperson, Dana Truth.

New Business: Lori S. brought up Domino's Pizza. The PTO has an opportunity to use Domino's as a fundraiser. It would probably be done during the opposite months of Burger King Nights, so that each month, there is an opportunity to raise money for the school. Suggestion was made to send out reminders via phone and email. Jodie Albrecht approached LeAnne T. about having a garage sale at Birch Grove. LeAnne will ask Jodie to present her plans and ideas at the next business meeting (November).

Next PTO Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 4:15pm in the conference room.