

BIRCH GROVE PTO BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2009
BIRCH GROVE MEDIA CENTER

Board Members Present: LeAnne Tieman, Lori Swedeen, Scott Noland, Janean Huser. Also Present: Lori Beattie, Karon Tollefson, Heather Carroll, Jodie Albrecht. Tonight's meeting is one of planning and sharing ideas for the upcoming carnival from those present.

Approval of December Minutes: An amendment to the minutes regarding Turkey bingo profit will be made. The minutes were then approved by Lori S., second by Karon T.

Budget: The budget remains in good standing. Lori B. questioned the ValleyFair account for the patrols. During last May's budget planning meeting, Pam G. talked about going to Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America instead of Valleyfair as Nick was offering "free" admission for patrols (PTO would still need to fund busing). Lori B. was instructed to contact Pam G. regarding her concerns with the change.

Carnival: Jodi Albrecht gave an update with information regarding prizes and games. An estimated budget based on the cost of previous carnivals was presented. Dr. Wendy Barden, Jodie A., Lori S. and LeAnne T. looked at some possibilities of different cultural games (ex: chopsticks challenge) and also showcasing the arts; possible additions to the carnival are karaoke, dance performance, art project, and acting. Discussion was had about using tickets for everything (games and food) instead of having cash at concessions. A list of pricing would be made so families know ahead of time what the cost of games and food will be. A table with a sign up sheet and donation balloons will be at the conferences in February. LeAnne will check with Sharon Margiotta regarding the handling of the raffle tickets. Lori B. will update flyers for the Silent Auction. Discussion of menu items took place as well. Lori S. and Lori B. will be checking on a couple of items for the kitchen.

Next PTO Business Meeting: *Tuesday, February 17, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Media Center and Carnival will be a major focus for this meeting.*