

BBMS PTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2012

PTA members Present: Trina Thames, Mary Nicklin, Edwina Britt, Pam Gray, Donna Sudbrook, Gaye Stokes, Meena Amin, Lori Kelly, Shannon Sann, Katrina Noonan

Meeting Items

Bylaws

The meeting began with copies of the bylaws being handed out. There was some discussion about the bylaws and the duties of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Poetry Slam

The Poetry Slam was discussed. Gaye announced that she is still in need of help for the Poetry Slam. You may sign up to help on the sign-up Genie. She is still in need of snacks and help setting up and cleaning up. The LINKS organization volunteered to help with a cake and cupcakes and will greet and help serve.

Fundraising

Flower Fundraiser

Mary Nicklin discussed a Flower Fundraiser that she has headed up at Ilchester in the past few years. It netted \$900 last year. She is proposing to perform the same Flower Fundraiser during Teacher's Appreciation Week at Bonnie Branch. Because of the problem with receiving paperwork from the Middle School students, Mary proposed to have one form for families who have children at both schools. The form will go home with the Elementary Student with the option to buy flowers for \$1.00 for any teacher or staff member. The form would have a separate area for the two schools. Edwina made a motion that Mary go forth with the Bonnie Branch Flower Fundraiser whereby flowers may be purchased for \$1.00 and delivered during Teacher's Appreciation Week using a joint form for Bonnie Branch and Ilchester. Pam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Hershey Fundraiser

Trina discussed the Hershey fundraiser. There were questions about what the fundraiser sold and where. Trina mentioned that candy would be sold at school during lunch hours and that magazines would be available on line. There was some concern about the students not eating their lunch and eating candy. There were also questions about how the money would be handled. Trina will look into the questions.

AT & T Fundraiser

Trina also talked about the AT & T fundraiser. She stated that a link would be going out tomorrow in the newsletter. The advertisement flyer will come home on Wednesday. The flyer needs to be turned in at the time of activation for the school to get credit. Trina urged everyone to make copies and give it to their friends and family.

Roller skating Fundraiser

Another fundraiser that Trina had looked into was roller skating. The cost to rent the Columbia Association Roller skating rink is \$600. There was a question about whether roller skating is

considered a red light event due to insurance limitations. Mary Nicklin will check on the insurance policy.

Cultural Night

Meena talked about Cultural Night. There was some discussion about Cultural Night and communication. Edwina made a motion to appoint Meena the new Chair for Cultural night with Mary Ann assisting her. Donna seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Budget

Per Mary, Yvette is checking on budget expectations from each grade. Mary suggested setting up a budget review committee in March after additional monies are received from fundraisers. It was noted that Kathy Green is a wonderful source of information for budget questions. She is a CPA and has the historical information for all the Bonnie Branch budget categories. Mary will contact Kathy.

Volunteer List

There was some discussion about the volunteer list. It was noted that several people had not received needed information from the list. Donna noted that Julie had compiled the list from 2 sources and had stated that she was not sure where to direct some of the information. Trina will contact Julie Brown and make sure the information is distributed to the Board of Directors.

Parents For Positive Change

There was discussion about a meeting that had taken place during the week. A group of 10 to 11 Bonnie Branch parents had met to discuss problems that had occurred on buses and at school. As a result of the meeting, the parents wanted to put together a Parents for Positive Change Committee so that they could work with the administration to help bring about positive change. Two of the representatives had asked to come to the Board of Directors meeting. Shannon Sann and Katrina Noonan both volunteered to be Co-chairs. It was also mentioned that they would look into the Watchdogs program. In addition, they stated that they would like to receive information from the SIT committee. Donna made a motion that Shannon and Katrina be appointed Co-chairs for Parents for Positive Change which was an open position. Meena seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Miscellaneous

There was an inquiry to Pam about the PTAC meeting information. Pam stated that she would send the PTAC summary to the Board of Directors.

Per Mary Nicklin, every year is an election year even though the terms are for 2 years. We are in need of 3 to 5 persons to serve on a nominating committee. Per the bylaws, the President cannot serve on this committee.

Donna noted that the box tops deadline is the end of February. A communication needs to be sent out about sending in box tops before the deadline.

Old Action Items

-Attempt to find a second PTA delegate and fill other open positions

-Determine amount that the PTA can contribute towards the New York field trip for students who have a financial need

-Determine the amount if any that can be contributed to Study Island

-The Administration is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the MSA Celebration (Sign-up Genie)

-The Eighth Grade team is looking for volunteers to coordinate the end of the year Eighth Grade Dance

New Action Items

-Need 3 to 5 persons to form a Nomination Committee

-Trina will look into the Roller skating Fundraiser

-Trina will look into questions about how the money is handled for the Hershey fundraiser

-A Budget Review Committee needs to be formed for March