

HORIZON ELEMENTARY PTO

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2010

1. Opening Meeting – Heather Fagan

The regular meeting of the Horizon Elementary PTO was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on December 14, 2010 in the Learning Center by PTO President Heather Fagan.

a. Introductions

Heather Fagan, Larry Fleig, Heidi Jeffcoat, Karin O'Donnell, Padma Gurudtt, Enza Zamora, Diana Tamburello, Deb Gehrig, Laura Nykaza, Lisa Dzik, Melissa Barren Powell, Tracy Kelly, Kimberly Mahoney, Maura Contreras.

2. Treasurer's Report – Maura Contreras

a. Ending checking account balance - \$24,242.59 as of Nov. 30, 2010

Available cash remaining - \$9,194.50 after balance of budget yet to be paid.

b. See report for details.

3. News/announcements

Contreras spoke about the district's Hispanic Leadership program. The goal is to get more Latino families involved in schools and the district as almost 42 percent of the population is going to be Hispanic. Meetings are held once a month on a Saturday. Two parents from Horizon are involved.

There is also an African-American Advisory committee which Horizon is not represented.

a. Dr. Gehrig

Thursday, Dec. 16 the Horizon will have a fire and safety inspection. Dr. Gehrig stressed that violations do not involve exposed wiring or blocked exits but rather outlet covers not being replaced or hand sanitizer not placed in the fireproof cabinet.

Food Drive ends Thursday, Dec. 16 in the morning. Seven Horizon families are directly benefiting.

Horizon will have an after school science club beginning on January 24 and ending before the beginning of spring break. The cost will be \$70 per student.

ACCESS testing begins in January.

Jan. 12th-13th – Vision and hearing testing

Jan. 12 – PTO meeting. Deb Devine, from the district's math department, will talk about how to help students with learning basic math facts.

Illinois Youth survey was taken by last year's sixth grade answering questions on the computer regarding risk factors. Those taking the survey were determined to be at a low-risk for unfavorable activities such as tobacco, marijuana and alcohol use.

b. Teachers – No report

c. CAC News

The CAC Enrollment and Facilities committee is on hold due to budget cuts. Next year new people will be needed to be involved in CAC. Fleig said there is a good deal to learn at meetings.

4. Upcoming Events

a. Family Movie Night – Jan. 21

This is a free event for families to be held in Horizon's gym. Popcorn will be free and candy, pop, juice and water will be available for purchase. Food sales will be in the hallway rather than in the gym in an effort to increase space and decrease noise.

5. New Items

a. PTO as Boy Scout Charter Organization

Fleig requested that the PTO becomes the charter organization for Cub Scout Pack 51. Fleig hopes that a relationship with the PTO would increase both parental and student involvement. The Pack would require a volunteer from the PTO to act as a liaison. The volunteer would need to perform online training. Fagan will send out an email to make the request. The PTO decided to become Cub Scout Pack 51's charter organization, however, they will receive no PTO funding.

b. Fundraiser at Nicodinos? – Jan. 25

The Pasta Mia Night Fundraiser raised \$130 for Horizon and teachers said they would support more events like this. Nicodino's said they will do a similar event on Jan 25. Fagan will confirm the date.

Culver's also has a similar event as does Chuck E. Cheese. A possible Culver's Night is Feb. 23. Chuck E. Cheese Night will be discussed at the January PTO meeting.

It is possible that events such as these will be held on a monthly basis.

c. Who will run the Spring Fundraiser?

Butterbraid is scheduled as the spring fundraiser with sales beginning on March 11 and delivery on April 6. Someone will be needed to chair this fundraiser. Former Chair, Stacy Moore, said it is a very easy fundraiser.

It was decided to add the personalized bead sale in conjunction with Butterbraids and how well each sells. Fagan will send out an email to request volunteers.

Butterbraid will print on order forms what the money raised will be used for. It was determined that it will be for library books and PTO family events.

It was determined that there is no good day for a spring walk-a-thon this school year. This might be held next year in conjunction with Field Day.

6. Committee Chairperson Reports

a. Accelerated Reader – Heather/Pam – No Report

b. Book Fair – Jim Dimas

To be held on Feb. 24 with Family Reading Night.

c. Box Tops for Education – Heidi Jeffcoat

Checks will be mailed on Dec. 15 and should total around \$513.00. Jeffcoat said that Box Tops has multiple programs listed online for schools to earn funds. Box Top collection contests were suggested but this does not work at Horizon due to the varying numbers of children in classrooms. Some were unsure of all the products that count as Box tops. It was suggested that envelopes with all participating products be printed and given to families. A magnet will be attached and the cost will be determined at which time it will be decided if this will be implemented.

d. Campbell Soup Labels – Kim Lag

There are 10,000 points to spend. The catalog has been circulating with teachers but appears to have stalled. Fagan will send out an email reminder to recirculate the catalog.

e. Spirit wear – Kimberly Mahoney

The clearance sale went very well. The items (small children's shirts and overly large adult shirts) that were overstocked have sold after being severely discounted.

f. School Supply Kits – Karin O'Donnell

There was a \$112 refund received from Carlson.

g. Market Day – Lisa Dzik – No report

h. Yearbook – Cindy Lenart

i. Bingo – Dora and Francis Figueroa

April 15 at Bartlett High School

j. Fun Fair – Padma Narayana/Victor and Enza Zamora

