

Bijou PTA General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2009
Bijou Community School –Staff Lounge

1. Welcome and Thanks

- a. Chevy's fundraisers –Thanks to Chevy's and to everyone that participated. We raised \$474.28 for the first grade! Thanks to Kathy Haven for organizing the both Chevy's fundraisers. Kathy pointed out that the check from Chevy's was made out to LTUSD, not to Bijou School. She's working on taking care of that problem. Also, we can do Chevy's Nights all year long. Teachers just need to approach Kathy Haven if they would like to do one. **Tonia Villanueva** will put a note in teacher boxes to let them know.
- b. Thanks to Tour de Tahoe and all of the volunteers. We garnered \$1000.00 and we are invited back to help participate next year!
- c. The Lake Tahoe Education Foundation's Food Fest was also a great success. The LTEF will take grant proposals at any time. There are forms on the LTEF website, but teachers or interested persons should run their ideas by Karen Tinlin first.
- d. Thanks to Dahra Zurit and Aspen Hollow for our new tree at the front of the school which replaced a sad dead one. Also, thanks to the Drum Family from the Campus Beautification Committee for braving the cold temperature to plant the new tree.

2. Upcoming Events

- a. Kung Flu Fighters is December 1, 2009 –Nurse Mary needs volunteer help that day.
- b. The Holiday Faire is December 5, 2009. Forms were put in teacher boxes. Any teachers interested in participating should get forms in Joe's box ASAP.
- c. The Festival of Trees and Lights is December 4-6, 2009. Jeanette Riva are our contacts. The Festival benefits the Barton Health Foundation. Bijou school is participating by decorating a Christmas tree which was given to us by the Festival. Anita Castles is in charge of organizing the decoration of the tree. Our theme for the tree is "Bijou's Tree Around the World." Each class will be assigned a country to research and then asked to design an ornament with the theme of that culture. Anita and Jeanette are also going to decorate with bead strands made by students, with maps for the base and with a great big God's Eye for the topper. They are VERY open to suggestions! The tree will then be auctioned off at the Festival to benefit the Barton Health Foundation.

3. Budget

- a. Beth reported that the PTA Officers voted to renew the Cubscout charter and to pay for membership fees –totally \$350.00.
- b. Requests for PTA money for teachers to attend conferences are due December 15th. **Tonia Villanueva** will post a note at teacher boxes to

remind them of the deadline. PTA is still working on how to divvy up the money.

- c. There will be a short meeting directly following this meeting to discuss the budget. Minutes for that meeting will be attached.

4. Ongoing Business

- a. The PTA officers were unable to fund a request for the money to provide water in the portables. It is simply too much for our budget to handle. Plumbing the buildings would be much much too expensive and providing water coolers is also too expensive. We can, however, help provide non-disposable water bottles for teachers to keep in their classrooms for individual students.
- b. At the last officer's meeting there was a question about how many kilns the BATS program had already. Karen Tinlin reported that we have only one. Phyllis ordered shelves and cones and they need \$400.00 more which Karen will take out of the \$20,000 school supply fund.
- c. Joe and Beth are still checking on "good citizen" T-shirts.
- d. Thanks to Paul Brusso from Ernie's. He will be giving away certificates for a free meal to all Good Citizens!

5. Meeting Dates

- a. The next General PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.
- b. The next PTA Officer's meeting will be held on Monday, January 4th, 2009 at 6:00 at Beth Damerl's home.