

# Gill Elementary PTA General Meeting

## November 10, 2008

**PRESENT:** See attached sign in sheet.

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** by Kristin Ebling, 7:00 pm.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The PTA calendar was reviewed, as were the minutes from last month's meeting.

**Motion made by Dave Roggenkamp, seconded by Denise O'Rourke, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

### **PRINCIPAL MORAWSKI'S REPORT**

- Mr. Morawski reported very good feedback on the Presidential Mock Elections.
- The 2007-2008 Annual report was distributed and reviewed by Mr. Morawski and Mr. Vercellino. Gills levels of parent participation, status in Education YES!, MEAP results, progress on school improvement goals, and Points of Pride were reviewed. (see attached annual report, or check the Gill website for the full report.) Further information on MEAP scores will be presented at future PTA meetings.

### **TEACHER TIME**

- Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Hodges thanked all parents for their participation in parent-teacher conferences of last week. If anyone was unable to attend their child's conference, email the teacher to schedule a time to meet.
- Mrs. Decator/Williams' class has a new website that parents are encouraged to access: [www.web.mac.com/johnrenee/iweb](http://www.web.mac.com/johnrenee/iweb).
- Mrs. Decator is coordinating a Blood Drive scheduled to be held on December 10, from 2 - 8pm.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

- Drug Awareness Week was a success, and \$200 was raised for the Call to Action Coalition. This was presented to Estralee Michaelson at an assembly which included the Fire Chief and Police Chief.
- The Goodfellows Canned Food Drive will be held from Nov 10- 26. This drive assists people in our local community. Although the class with the most cans collected will win a pizza party, parents and teachers will strive to emphasize the importance of *Giving to those less fortunate*.

### **BUDGET REPORT**

The PTA budget was distributed and reviewed by David Boyce. **Motion made by Dave Roggenkamp, seconded by David Boyce, to approve the budget as submitted. Motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health and Wellness:** Flu clinic has been cancelled due to district concerns over liability and cost. Information sent out to parents about locations in Oakland County that have already been determined.

### **Gill Support**

- Dave Konowalow is looking into a recycling program that may include solar energy - he will present options at next month's meeting.
- The Book Fair was a success, and brought in approximately \$4000.

### **Social**

- 2 Zap Zone Family Fun Nights will be held this year, with the first to take place on November 17, from 5:30 - 8:30. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15, or at the door for \$18. The next Family Fun Night will be held on March 5.
- Kristin announced a need for a Spring Social Director. This event has been scheduled for April 24.

### **Enrichment**

- Word Masters - first competition will be December 13.
- Junior Great Books - Kristin held an orientation session for volunteer parents at her home today, and groups will begin meeting this week and next.
- Math Pentathlon - is up and running, with 169 participants. More volunteers are needed to collect first graders on Tuesdays, and take them through the cafeteria lines.
- Math Olympiads - Dave Roggenkamp is leading a group of 27 students, and the first competition will be next week.
- Reflections - we have had good participation - many thanks to Sue Wolter and Christle Thompson for heading up this effort!
- Destination Imagination - David Boyce is leading the team of 4, and possibly 2 more students will join the group.
- Motor Moms - Denise O'Rourke reported that most classes are up and running, however, Mr. Nepa's and Mrs. Dillon's class have no Motor Moms program, due to lack of volunteers. Denise is working with 5 of those students who have specific need.

**PTA Administrative Support/PTA Council Report:** These will be included in next month's agenda due to the lateness of the hour.

### **!! RAFFLES !!**

- Congratulations to the Jeff Williams Family - you won a VIP parking spot for the Holiday parties!!
- Congratulations to the Denise O'Rourke Family - you won a free ticket to the first Zap Zone Family Fun Night!!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 13 - Dec 5 - Boy Scouts' Toys for Tots Collection

- Nov 17 - Zap Zone Family Fun Night - 5:30 - 8:30
- Nov 21 - Student ½ day
- Nov 27 & 28 - No school - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 5 - Early Release
- Dec 6 - Holiday Shop and Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 10 - Blood Drive

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Krisitn Ebling encouraged all attendees to complete the meeting evaluation. **Motion made by Denise O'Rourke, seconded by David Boyce to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried - meeting adjourned at 8:40.**