

Bridgehampton PTO Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2009 5:00 pm

- I. **Roll call** – Ninfa Boyd, Rosemarie Stanfield, Tanya Dawson, Melanie LaPointe, Ken Giosi, Theresa Quinn, Jack Pryor, Karen Hochstedler
- II. **Approve Minutes from 12/02/08** – approved
- III. **Financial Report** –(Melanie) Checking: **\$3501.35** Savings: **\$ 640.83**
 - a. *Discussed the acceptance of the donation from Peter and Cora Weiss. They provided the PTO with a check of \$15,000. There are stipulations regarding how the funds are to be used. Melanie will deposit the check into savings until we decide what kind of interest bearing account we'd like to put it in. **Tanya** is going to check into some options and present them. We'll form a steering committee to help create some possibilities for BH students—ones that will provide them with educational and international travel.*
 - b. *Discussed the seniors' class trip and the monies they are reimbursing to the PTO within the next week.*
- IV. **Reports**
 - a. **T-shirts/Sweatshirts/Jackets report**— (**Karen**) *Things seem to have come to a standstill, based partly on the fact that we haven't been happy with the artwork we've received back from the company and partly due to a bit of communication breakdown. We decided to lay it down for now and allow the seniors to sell their awesome hoodies school-wide. If someone wants to go ahead with the t-shirts apart from the PTO, we were in agreement that none of us at the meeting felt to continue the project. We do realize that we need to find out from Jo Ann if there is any reason we can't back out with the company.*
 - b. **BHUFSD Laptops**—3 not working. Money was refunded. Karen is going to see if we can find out what the problem is with those machines.
 - c. **Christmas feast report**—great! Tons of food. 2nd graders did great reading. The band did great outside playing carols while the elem kids decorated the tree, but there was not enough time for the upper grades to play volleyball or have the bball shoot out.
 - d. **Pancake breakfast report**—(**Melanie**) *total amount brought between ticket sales and donations was \$1065 to date. The shopping expenses were \$460. The total we have to give in assistance is \$605. We can help between 3 and 4 families this year. Last year was double that number. We'd like to see a better turn out for the amount of work and expense of this event. Next year will we try to set up the breakfast for the second Sunday of January rather than the first Sunday with the hope moving on from the holiday busyness (and exhaustion).*
- V. **Discussions**
 - a. **Original Works**—PTO doesn't want to run this project. Karen will pass along the info to R. Gianis in case she is interested.

- b. Ski/Snowboard Trip—(Karen)** *44 seats on the bus, Outdoor club has reserved 12, and 6 more reserved for chaperones. Four chaperones are signed up already. Students are asking for packets and the packets are all in the teachers hands at this point. Ninfa will help distribute flyers from now on in order to alleviate confusion.*
- c. Country Barn Dance—(Karen)** *Scheduled for February 27th People are now signing up for the chili cook-off and cornbread contest. Ninfa will help solicit restaurants and Ava (who came later in the meeting) will solicit other community members to enter the chili and cornbread contest. Discussions were cut short on this topic, but a meeting will be held with the student council on Jan 21st at 2pm.*
- d. Gong Show/spaghetti dinner—(Kenny)** *Feb 6th but done by the senior class as a fundraiser for their trip. Parents of seniors (and other volunteers) will bring the food. Seniors will solicit and organize the “talent” part of the night.*
- e. International dinner—(Ninfa)** *April 24th based on the idea that the seniors will be away on the class trip during this event, we discussed the thought of changing the date. Discussions were cut short on this topic. We need to revisit these questions.*
- f. Formal/Prom—(Tanya)** *It’s for the 11th & 12th grades. May 15th or 22nd are the available dates for Montauk Yacht Club. The final cost for tickets will hopefully include catering costs, facility, photographer and DJ. Kenny, Tanya, Rosemarie (?) and a few student gov’t officers will go out to Montauk to take a look at the place, possibly next week.*

VI. Calendar of events

- a. Ski/board trip sign-ups due** *Jan 16th*
- b. Barn dance mtg** *Jan 21st @ 2 pm – with elem. student council*
- c. SKI TRIP** *Jan 31st @ 5 am – 10 pm – Camelback, PA*
- d. PTO mtg** *Feb 3rd @ 5 pm*
- e. GONG SHOW dinner?** *Feb 6th*
- f. OPEN HOUSE?** *Feb 12th*
- g. Barn Dance Planning** *Feb 24th @ 5 pm*
- h. COUNTRY BARN DANCE** *Feb 27th @ 5:30 pm*

VII. ADJOURNED 6:15 pm