Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2012, 9:30am

Volunteer Hours:
832:20 plus Amy's

Attendance:

Amy Chariton	Elizabeth Holdaway	Rachelle Bolingbroke
Cathy Ambrose	Delaina Whimpey	Karli Verhoef
Karen Wynn	Lori Sanders	Heather Stewart
Adelia Esseltine	Angela Seegmiller	
Jessica Lewis	Julie Taggart	
Michele Herbert-Morris	Melanie Holdaway	

Reverence: ***Lori Sanders***
"Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% how you react"

Approval of Minutes: *Cathy Ambrose, Secretary*
November 2012 minutes approved
Motion: Karen Wynn
2nd: FORGOT to write it down – who was it?

Treasurer's Report: *Karen Wynn*
- Everything looks great.
- Waiting for a few receipts

Principal Report*: Rachelle Bolingbroke, Principal*
- *Jazz Reading Program:* Lisa Tanner will come down and discuss the program and its potential
- *Special Needs Playground:* Getting bids. District and State are covering large portions of the cost. Will be located behind Deaf Unit trailer.
- *Parenting with Love and Logic:* New session starts on January 15. $30 per family. It has been greatly discounted through the district. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Reading with the Jazz: ***Lisa Tanner***

- Winners are determined by the amount of minutes read out of school per student during the months of February and March, with the top fourteen schools receiving a visit from a Jazz player.
- Requested PTA's help to get things rolling
- We can involve WatchDOGS and also take advantage of Dads and Donuts

Principal Report Cont… : Rachelle Bolingbroke

- Granparent's Lunch: was crazy, but fun crazy.

Teacher Rep.: *Heather Stewart*

- Red Ribbon: It felt different to teachers than the ones of the past, not as obious.
- Stuco will be holding an ugly Christmas sweater day
- Stuco is also putting on a Volleyball tourney

Family Pizza Movie Night: *Bunney Schmidt via text message (excused)*

- Movie night security
- Pizzas: had 10 extra, but families were able to take them home. Maybe the birthday cake filled people up.
- Serve pizza in the back of the gym for initial rush, and then move to the foyer after movie starts.
- Discussion: how to improve security. Only allow entrance in the foyer so we can monitor who comes and goes and prevent kids from being "dropped off.
- String Christmas lights around gym to provide soft lighting, allowing people to see where they are going and the screen.
- Have PTA parents sit by the gym doors to keep people from coming in and out at will. People will have to use the foyer exit.

More from Our President: *Amy Chariton*

- Grandparents' Lunch:
    - Second day was smoother. Realized moving the table by the front office helped prevent the grid-lock in the hallway.
    - Pie discussion – pie was given to grandparents as a gift from the PTA to replace the cut of pie from school menus because of Michelle Obama initiative. There were many issues with parents and students who were not given pie.
    - Rachelle suggested the school provide a dessert for everyone if ordered ahead of time from the lunch workers. Cost was unknown.

- Ski School: See Ms. Bolinbroke's weekly email. There has been a lot of interest.
- Lost and found: Remind kids to look on the tables and write their names on their items. In

the spring we hold our Community Closet before it goes to local bishops/DI.
- Christmas: Dec 19 is an AM common day. Christmas sing a long at 1:30. Santa usually finds us.
- Dec 3 was the teacher luncheon. The PTA was able to pay for 1/3 or the food from Texas Roadhouse. The administration paid for a 1/3 and teachers covered a third. Normally the teachers had to pay for it all. Our teacher rep Heather Stewart said the teachers liked the arrangement.

Orem Elementary 40th Birthday T-shirt: *Rachelle Bolingbroke*

- The teachers have been judging the entries and there are three finalists. PTA members were invited to her office to help with the final judging. Families will be able to order shirts soon for Christmas gifts.

Adjourned: 10:15

Next meeting: Jan. 8 at 9:30am