

Durbin PTO

February 1 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Lance Schnaus Beverly Grabel
Jennefer Kelso Linda Ededuwa
Charron Wright Michelle Soel

This meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Jennefer Kelso. Mrs. Ededuwa approved the minutes from January and Mr. Schnaus seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle let us know that we had more income than expenses this month! The movie night expense was mostly due to our yearly renewal of our movie license. Michelle has the certificate and will keep that paper work on file. The income of the winter carnival line was all due to donations to buy product for the ring toss and the goody walk.

Michelle also mentioned that we needed to stay on top of our budget for the remainder of the year. We need to get on the restaurant fundraisers. Beverly has two in the works (Red Robin and Orange Leaf). We are waiting on paperwork for Red Robin and we are waiting for the temperature to get warmer for Orange leaf. Charron mentioned checking with Mudsocks. Mudsocks is owned by some of our Durbin parents. Jennefer added that maybe Christian would be good at finding us some more local restaurants to work with.

Secretary Position: Jennefer mentioned that there are really only three meeting left for the year. At this point we have personally asked everyone that we thought might fit with the board. Jennefer will send out a basic plea to the Sunshine Committee and the multi-talented volunteers in attempt to find a new secretary. Beverly mentioned that

she was going to send Michelle Pauls an email about spirit wear and that she would ask her as well.

Winter Carnival: After some problems ordering prizes for the carnival, all prizes have now been ordered. Michelle and Jennefer had a combine idea about the teacher torture. We will have “Beat the Teacher” in the cafeteria for 2 tickets instead of the dunk tank this year. This game will be composed of the kiddos challenging the staff at simple, fun “minute to win it” style games for bragging rights. Charron will look into coming up with 4-5 games for us to use at the beat the teacher booth. After we establish the selection of games we will send an email out to the staff asking for their participation in the game. Hopefully this will be a great new addition to the carnival.

Silent Auction: Beverly talked about some of the items that we have been able to have donated so far including a goody bag from the Colts, aquarium tickets, Panera bagels for a year, Indian tickets and more. We discussed using a random number system this year to help bidders not be recognized and to have a smoother check out. We also talked about checking ID’s so that the right people get the right items.

Durbin Classic: Charron gave an update about where we currently stand. So far we have collected \$1,305 in sponsors. We have 17 dozen Kolache’s being donated as well. Charron mentioned that she is unsure where we are going to get other donations from this year. Jennefer mentioned a contact at a local Kroger and a thought to go through the breakfast with Santa donation list (Bob Evans, Steak and Shake, Jim Dandy, ect.) for more ideas. We will be offering child care for the first time for those families that are running and have kids in the fun run. Tenille Rains and Karen Garrett are going to head up this project. Christian is working with the Sherriff’s Department on some officers for the morning of the run. We need to check to see if we pay Mr. McKay for his time and we need to find out exactly what he does on the day of

the run. To help with recycling we can use a couple of trash bins labeled for water bottles only. The bottles then can easily be bagged and taken to the recycling center. There are several areas that we will need help in such as setting up the cones on the route, setting up 2 water stations, and help with child care. We may try to get some high school kids to help in these areas. We also offered as a class incentive that the class that signs up the most runners will win an extra recess.

Principal concerns: Mrs. Ededuwa is concerned with the cost of t-shirts that the PTO ends up buying for clubs (spell bowl, math bowl, and 4th grade track). We decided as a group that it would be fine to ask parents to purchase a shirt for their child if they plan on participating in that club. Families that can't afford to buy a shirt will have a shirt paid for by the PTO. This new policy will begin with track this year.

Staff Concerns: Mr. Schnaus brought to our attention a change in the science fair regionals. In the past, there was no charge for students that advance to regionals. Beginning this year, there is a \$10 charge for a student to participate at regionals. Since our paper work did not contain that information, Mr. Analco wanted to see if the PTO would cover the charges for this year. Charges would be approximately \$100 for about 10 students to continue to regionals. Next year we will look at a new way to cover the cost. The PTO board decided that this was something that we were willing to take on this year. The payment will come out of the gifts to Durbin account.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm.