

**Brier Elementary PTA 7.2.15
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 2nd, 2008
Meeting Location: Brier Elementary Library
Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm
Recorded by: Julia L. Bogle, PTA Secretary
In Attendance: See attached
Quorum Present: Yes

President's Report:

Given by: Cathy Fiorillo, PTA President
Welcome. Sentiments of thanks and encouragement were extended to the membership. Involvement in PTA and the work PTA does is truly something good! The Board of Directors was introduced. Meetings will operate by Parliamentary Procedure.

New Business:

PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes of May 20th, 2008 available for review.
Ken Bogle moved to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 20th, 2008. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Brier Elementary PTA Standing Rules for 2008-2009 available for review.
Debbie Dunn moved to adopt the Standings Rules for 2008-2009 as written. Motion seconded and approved.

Brier Elementary PTA 2008-2009 "Vision, Mission and Goals Statement" was available for review.
Kami Otis moved to adopt the 2008-2009 "Vision, Mission and Goals Statement" as written.
Motion seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: July and August 2008

Given by: Jenny McDowell, PTA Treasurer
July and August 2008 Budget Reports available for review. Memberships' comments and input always encouraged.
Addendum #1 to the 2008-2009 Budget was available for review. The 2008-2009 Budget was approved by the general membership May 20th, 2008, at the General Membership Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Given by: Penny Ebright, PTA VP of Programs
Current membership is a little over 200 members.

Fitness Club:

Given by: Penny Ebright, PTA VP of Programs
Mileage Club is a work in progress, more volunteers are needed. Additional programs are being evaluated. Updates will follow as information becomes available.

Popcorn Friday:

Given by: Penny Ebright, PTA VP of Programs
Program starts this Friday the 3rd. Volunteers requested.

Reflections:

Given by: Penny Ebright, PTA VP of Programs
"Start the Art" Program will kick off on October 13; entries will be accepted for one month. More information will appear in the next Brier Buzz Newsletter. Reflections Chair, Debbie Dunn informed the membership that Reflections is a National PTA program to promote the creative process in K-12 education. This year's theme is "WOW"

Legislation:

Given by: Cathy Fiorillo, PTA President

Ken Bogle, Brier Elementary PTA's new and first Legislative Chair, and PTA Secretary Julia Bogle, will be attending WSPTA Legislative Assembly October 3rd and 4th, 2008; and the Focus Day Rally in Olympia in February 2009. Updates and information will follow as it becomes available.

Fundraising:

Giving by: Cathy Jackson, PTA VP of Fundraising

The Fall Catalog Sale is in progress. Volunteers will be needed October 13th – 15th to help count money and on November 13th, the one and only delivery day.

Entertainment Coupon Books are now available in room #11 for \$20.00. The big kick off push will probably be the first week of November. The coupons are now in effect and good till November 2009.

Survival Kits Sales has ended, approximately one hundred kits were sold. Volunteers are needed to assemble the kits, which will go into the classrooms the week of October 15th.

Wreath sales will be held in November and December.

Targeted fundraisers for the Library will be in the spring.

Family Fun Events:

Given by: Kami Otis, PTA Off-Site Family Events Chair

The Monster Mash tradition continues at Brier Elementary this year on October 24th details in flyer. Volunteers requested.

Skate Night is November 3rd at the Lynnwood Bowl and Skate from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Emphasis is on **Family Fun** Events, no drop off events, just families having fun together.

Volunteer Coordination:

Given by: Kim Sowers, PTA Coordination/Appreciation Chair

There has been a good return response from the Volunteer Sign-Up form. Some areas are "thin", but most items have good coverage. Please contact the Chair if your project needs more helpers. PTA Volunteer Chair will also help find volunteers for non-PTA; school events/projects as able, as requested by Brier Elementary Administration, as the District no longer funds a school based volunteer coordinator. Classroom teachers generally obtain their own volunteers. Volunteers are always needed weather for PTA or school events. The Volunteer Chair, as well as the rest of the PTA Board is striving to improve communication with the volunteers and the school community at large.

Principal's Report/Presentation:

Given by: Tori Thomas, Brier Elementary Principal

Principal Thomas provided an overview of the new "Brier Pride Program", its' expectations and implementation. The "Giraffe Program" is an integral part of "Brier Pride", providing character and service learning education.

A brief overview of the District's newly implemented; district wide K-5 **Math Expressions** curriculum was presented.

Closing Communications:

Given by: Cathy Fiorillo, PTA President

Thanks were given to Bob Cuplin, who was introduced as PTA's Webmaster. There are many resources available to seek out information about PTA and PTA events. The Board is working hard to continuously improve our communication with membership and the larger Brier Elementary community. Please keep an eye out for the monthly Brier Buzz Newsletter, and intermittent informative flyers that will come home with your children. The Webmaster continues to refine both PTA's website, and the enormously popular and pertinent *Monday Morning Coffee Email*. Both are a great way to gather information, communicate with the Board, and find other useful education related links.

President Fiorillo will be available for conversation at the Starbucks at the corner of 44th and 228th, tomorrow, Friday October 3rd at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 pm.

