

**Gayhead Elementary PTA
General Membership Meeting
Friday, April 20, 2007**

The *General Membership* meeting was called to order at 9:38am by Mary Jean Staudohar, President.

Recording Secretary: Noreen Healey

Quorum Established

1. Principal is out today, and Mr. Ceng is in a meeting-No principal's report.

2. *Reading & Approval of Minutes (President, Mary Jean Staudohar)*

The minutes from the 3/21/07 Gen'l Membership meeting were read and approved.

3. *Treasurer's Report (Sue Kline, Treasurer)*

- Slow month
- \$481 profit was made on the Sweats and Tees
- Creative Teaching Grants are completed and totaled approx \$1500
- No TV week totaled \$460 of the \$500 budget..water bottles to be given out
- \$266 was raised through the bake sale for the 5th grade picnic
- \$913 was raised in the bake sale at Open House for the school radios

4. *Correspondence (Lee Bukofsky, Corresponding Sec'y)*

- Thank you was received from the LiScalci family
- Thank you from Mr. Downer for the flag donation
- Thank you from the Science Fair coordinator for the PTA donation
- Thank you from teachers for book purchases

5. *Beth Roth - Special Education Representative*

- there are 3 seminars/workshops coming up related to Educational Law that will be very informative, whether you are regular ed or special ed.
- She asks to spread the word about the seminars and to please contact her if you have any questions

6. *Events*

- A new chair volunteered for Kindergarten welcome, thank you!
- E.F. Provisions donated ice cream to the Banana Splits party , thank you!
- Arts in Education will be on 5/23.
- Re: Programs/Assemblies...Carrie will not be here next year
- Talent Show is next Friday and there are 30 acts; any money donated was given back; the K-2 talent show will be on 6/1-paperwork going out soon

- Emerging Adolescence event will be on 6/5 and 6/6; boys on 6/5 and will include a Tai Kwon Do demonstration thanks to Mr. Ceng and the girls event is on 6/6 and will include scrapbooking. This event is attended with parent, and is for 4th and 5th graders.

7. VP Fundraising (Kathy Gately)

- Spring pictures will be in three weeks

8. Administration

- Cybersafety event will be held on Wed 5/2 and will touch on myspace, club penguin, etc.
- 5th Grade Picnic will be a Fun in the Sun theme; looking to have a VIP tent for teachers, water slide, inflatable twister game, wedges and hotdogs for lunch, and a DJ
- Staff Appreciation week is 5/7-5/11/07
 - For the raffles, they are looking for donations such as gift certificates, baskets; there are approx 170 staff members, and they are looking to get approx $\frac{1}{2}$ from donations. Please help if you can.

9. VP Communication (Lisa Fusco)

- Re: Historian- If anyone has anything to give the Historian for the scrapbook, please put it in her folder in the office. Please make copies of any flyers that related to your event, and it will be included in the scrapbook. It will be displayed at the next general meeting.
- There will be one more Grizzly Growl issue this year. Please send items to Lisa Fusco by the end of May. Joanne Iannace is considering chairing the Grizzly Growl next year. Thanks Joanne!
- No TV Week had approx 170 participants and 8 posters were submitted. Renegades tickets were donated for prizes.
- The yearbook is done and at the printer. The completed book should be distributed in time for the 5th grade picnic. A big thank you was also given to Tricia Watt for the slide show shown at the Open House event...great job!
- Senior Breakfast was Wed (K-2) and Thurs (3-5th).
 - It was a success; everyone seemed happy. Flowers were given to each senior guest and were donated by J&L Heavenly Flowers in Brookmeade Plaza; Polaroid pictures were taken of the senior/child to be taken home; and several rounds of bingo were played with prizes
 - We had planned for 180 guest and 212 came; over budget by \$24
 - Food Services provided eggs, bacon, sausage, etc. for \$2/person, so the budget overage was due to more attendees than expected
 - It was also suggested that perhaps this event become a fundraising event and be discussed at the June general meeting. Other PTAs hold this event and charge approx \$2 / person to cover costs. It is

something to consider given our budget constraints in the upcoming year. The budget for this event is being cut from \$400 to \$200 in 07-08 so charging \$2/person would cover the food costs.

- It was also noted that some people do not like the name Senior breakfast, because many grandparents may not exactly be very 'senior' in age.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Fusco to change the name of the event next year to Grandparent/Senior Breakfast. The motion was seconded by Kelley Lewis. The motion was voted on and passed.

10. General

- The PTA Board and Chairs presented President, Mary Jean Staudohar with a personal rolling cart of office supplies as a special thank you from all of us for her amazing job this year, and endless dedication. Thanks MaryJean and enjoy!
- The PTA will hold Elections for its executive committee at the May 2007 PTA general meeting. The positions to be voted on include President Elect, VP Admin, VP Communications, VP Fundraising, Assistant Treasurer. Please see Sue Kline if you have any questions about the position of Assistant Treasurer. He/She works with the Treasurer for the year to be trained and performs the monthly bank reconciliations.
- The Gayhead Principal search is still ongoing. The committee/teams are doing their best; the search has gone external.
- The budget committee has met twice and will meet one more time. The budget will be presented to the Executive Board on 5/16 at 6pm for approval. Feel free to email suggestions. In June the full budget will be presented and voted on.
- The WCSD budget vote will be held on 5/15. It was noted that the majority of people who vote are senior citizens, only a small % are parents. Please vote.
 - There will be a Science Night/read in on budget day to encourage people to come out and vote. John Jay HS students will be volunteering to help with the science night. Please let Beth Brofman know if you can help out on this night.
- The issue of using Standardized tests as part of a student's grade or as part of acceptance into honors program was brought up at the last Council meeting. It was noted that Linda Baskey is strongly against this practice, and advocating a change.
- Next PTA meeting is on 5/16 at 7pm and will be preceded by the Exec Board Meeting at 6pm (budget review)
- The Taconic Spring Conference is 5/17 at the Grandview in POK
- Performing Arts is on 5/23

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- MaryJean will be forming a committee re: the National School of Excellence Award program. If you are interested, please see MaryJean. It's a nice credential for the school/PTA to have and demonstrates strong parent/principal communication.
- Roxanne noted that there will be a Youth Festival at the Dutchess County fairgrounds on 5/12 with up to \$5000 in prizes being awarded for talents related to cultural arts, agriculture, sports, S&T.

11. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned by MaryJean at 10:15am.