

**CHILDREN'S HOUSE PTO  
MINUTES**

The Children's House PTO held its third monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

**GENERAL INFO**

Antoinette Mims and Suzie Branton facilitated the meeting in Kim Romain's (PTO president) absence.

A round of applause went out to Ms. Dede, Ms. Amy and Ms. Pearl who organized the Halloween Carnival, which was such a great success. Thanks ladies!

It was suggested that the PTO, along with the school, organize an orientation night and/or packet for January in order to make the PTO and school events more visible to the parents. This idea was tossed around last year and there is still interest in it.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Suzie Branton stood in for Megan Eves, treasurer, who was absent due to illness in the family. The latest financial report shows a balance of \$4,863.80 as of November 11, 2008. The Halloween Carnival brought in approximately \$248.00. Since the PTO spent \$300.00, it was mentioned that maybe the PTO could be paid back first and then the proceeds split between the school and PTO. Nothing definite was decided, however.

PTO dues of \$1050.00 from 32 families have been collected. It was suggested that perhaps some phone calls go out to the parents who haven't paid.

October Kroger cards have generated \$459.00. More prepared cards for the classrooms were requested.

A motion for the PTO to sponsor Ms. Pearl's tuition for completing her Montessori training was put forth. There were many, many "Ayes".

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Book Fair**

Antoinette Mims stood in for Megan Eves to discuss the book fair which is off to a great start. It is running Tuesday, November 11, and Wednesday, November 12, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. upstairs in the school. Last report was that the sales are on track for approximately \$1,000.00, giving the school a budget of \$400.00 from Scholastic for teachers to use for new books.

**Silent Auction**

The silent auction organized by Jennifer Davis and Mary Hall will be at the school on Saturday, November 22, from 6-9 p.m. Jennifer Davis updated the PTO on the progress. There have been lots of great donations such as gift certificates and wine, but we can use more. The PTO discussed advertising (fliers, door posters, Website, Jennifer Triplett offered to list the auction in Sync magazine's calendar), the band (a motion for a budget of \$250.00 for a band was put forth and approved), the need for volunteers for setting up and breaking down (one volunteer at the meeting), the charge for babysitting (\$15 -- per child or per family? This needs to be ironed out.) and refreshments. Emphasis was put on getting more donations and advertising the event. Ms. Pearl mentioned that she was planning on getting some wine and spirits donated for the event.

**Christmas Party**

Robin Eiler, who is charge of organizing the Christmas Party for the classrooms, updated the PTO on the event. There will be a Santa, kids games, perhaps a cookie decorating activity and maybe a book swap. The tentative dates for the event are December 17 or 19.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Branton

Secretary