

**CHILDREN'S HOUSE PTO
MINUTES**

The Children's House PTO held its fourth meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFO & UPCOMING EVENTS

President Kim Romain opened the meeting by greeting parents and students.

A CHMS spring get-together for parents was suggested and agreed to. Ms. Dede, Ms. Amy and Ms. Pearl offered to co-chair it. Details TBA.

A format for new-parent orientation was discussed. Research on putting together welcome baskets and arranging parent/teacher meetings is to be done soon. It was suggested that this be done instead of ordering "Tomorrow's Child" for next year since this publication seems to get repetitive.

It was suggested that there be a spring open house which would allow parents to meet their child's teacher as well as their new teachers if they are moving up.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held again at Burns Park El Dor Johnson Pavilion on April 4. The event will be co-chaired by Dana Landrum and Suzie Branton. Times and details TBA.

The spring clean-up was planned for the Sunday after Easter (April 19). Details TBA.

It was suggested that we change the CHMS Web site's domain name since parents are having trouble finding it. Ms. Pearl offered to look into it. Getting a database of family e-mail addresses was discussed again, as well as having e-mails sent out when the Web site gets updated.

The unfortunate "carjacking" incident that took place in the courtyard on Jan. 12 was discussed. Ms. Nancy asked parents to write letters in support of the family.

There was a raffle for a Barnes and Noble \$25.00 gift certificate. Suzie Branton won! There will be a gift certificate give away at each meeting as incentive for parents and teachers to attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Megan Eves recapped finances from the Book Fair, Silent Auction, Kroger cards and Christmas parties. She passed out the financial report showing a balance of \$7,138.76 as of Jan. 10, 2009. Ideas about how to best spend the money were discussed - gift baskets for parents, budgets for classrooms to buy materials, teacher training, plants and animals for the classrooms, etc. It was decided that the PTO officers would meet and come up with more-concrete ideas which we could all vote on at the next meeting.

There is now a new reimbursement form for all PTO functions which can be found in the kitchen of the school.

Speakers

The meeting was followed by a presentation given by Margaret Harris on nutrition entitled "Rethink your Drink".

Respectfully submitted,
Suzie Branton
Secretary