

Maple Elementary PTO Meeting- Thursday, January 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harrison, Principal of Maple Elementary on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Board Members present included Sophie Lazaro, Mary Boyd, Christina Epperson, Cheri Griffin, and Janet Craig. We had one Kindergarten family join the meeting.

Fundraising Update: “Art to Remember” fundraiser went well. We may have made %580.00. It seemed like a positive fit for Maple as a fundraiser. We do make sure it is not an overwhelming project for Mrs. George, Maple’s Art teacher. Can we do this in a different way? One order was found in a container. Mary Boyd was going to contact the family and apologize.

Helping Hands Update: We had four events that had parents volunteer for at Maple:

Book Fair – 4 parents
Kindergarten Sewing – 3
Kindergarten Dental/Vision Screening – 4
Multi-Cultural Fair - 1

We have several upcoming opportunities for parents to volunteer/donate: Movie Night, February 14 Staff breakfast.

Activities Update: Spring Activity will be different this year. Monster Golf will hold the family fling. More details will follow. Pastries with Parents : Feb. 7- K and 1st; Feb. 8th 2nd-4th. Chick-fil-a Spirit Day: Feb. 23

Corporate Promotions Update: Box Tops from 2010-2011 school year yielded \$2,100.00. There will be a 100 Box Top challenge for every classroom that brings in 100 box tops- there will be a fun class activity prize.

Recording Secretary Update: The minutes for each meeting will be on the Maple website one week after the meeting. Mrs. Craig will take minutes of each meeting and then send them to Mrs. Helm for posting on the website.

Financial Secretary Update: This is as of today (not taking into account White Oak's check to us from our fall fundraisers, or the check I need to cut for \$42.06). Some notes:

- We're not going to have additional money to spend. If we stay where we are and maintain all planned activities, we'll carry over right around \$4000...which is a little lower than where we'd like to be going into a school year, but good enough to get us through our fall 2012 plans.
- This will impact our ability to give scholarships for the Monster Mini-Golf outing. Since this is the case, we may reconsider Penny Wars...although, Parents maybe asked to be our donors for that fundraiser, so their contribution either way (Penny Wars or paying a bit more for Monster Mini-Golf tickets) will be a wash.
- We don't necessarily need to cut corners or cut programming, but we need to make sure we don't overspend on what's been budgeted for upcoming activities...and we can't add any additional

expenses. However, if we can go after bargains on our upcoming activities, and come in under budget on a few, that would be bonus and help us out for next year.

- If you are responsible for upcoming activities, please refer to the budget tab...in particular look at the remaining expenses column (column G) to help you understand your budget for that activity.
- We paid over \$550 in expenses incurred during the 2010-11 school year...so last school year. Lesson learned here. We didn't budget for this and I didn't take it into account in my budget worksheet until now. Moving forward we will need to make sure all reimbursements and invoices from a school year are paid within that school year...or we budget more for misc expenses. I think this will help with our audit too.
- So we have any estimate on revenue for Movie Night? We didn't budget that either and I'd like to get it in there. Will we incur any expenses from that? If so, what's an estimate? Also, can you please pass along .

New Business:

Do we want to change from Entertainment Books to Discover Indy. All PTO board members did not want to change.

PTO purchased over \$400 in indoor recess games for Maple. Each classroom received 3-4 games.

Did we like the Cookie Dough? Several flavors were not good!

Movie Night – we share this with White Oak- we need to decide on a movie and then share the responsibility of set up , concession and clean up with White Oak. Sophie will contact Mrs. Morgan the PTO president at White Oak.

Next PTO meeting at Maple: February 2nd at 5:45 in the lounge.