



**McNear Elementary PTA Minutes
December 1, 2009
6:30 pm**

In Attendance:

Susan Cook	Tena Jackson
Tricia DeCarli	Antoinette Butts
Gary Hegenbart	Kendall Abramson
Cindy Scaccalosi	Kate boyd
Jennifer Mattox	Lyn Van Tighem
Sheri Borloz	Anita Morris
Brandi Gordon	Jennifer Dunbar
Jason Sutter	

I. Accelerated Reading and Math Presentation.

II. Call to Order – **ACTION**

Kendall Abramson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m

III. Approval of November minutes – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Gary Hegenbart motioned to approve the minutes and Jason Sutter seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Dine and Donate budgeted \$300 and brought in \$1,260 to date
 Clothing Sales budgeted \$600 and brought in \$972 to date
 Gift Wrap budgeted \$5,400 and brought in \$4,400
 Scrip budgeted \$5,000 and brought in \$3,700 to date
 Turkey Sales budgeted \$500 and brought in \$276
 Box Tops budgeted \$450 and brought in \$450

Performing Arts had income of \$3,268 and expenses of \$1,829 plus \$393 for a profit of \$2,875. That money goes back into PA account

Friends of McNear has \$6,754 in the bank

Jennifer Mattox reported that Scrip has doubled since last summer. She said she would look into setting up a rewards card at Staples with the PTA as the beneficiary. She requested \$60 to purchase a Scrip banner. **Tricia DeCarli motioned to approve \$60 for a Scrip banner. Antoinette Butts seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.**

Lisa Hirsh Cordero asked if she could make the PTA a beneficiary of 15% of her sales of Arbonne Skincare products. Kendall said she would take the request to the fundraising committee.

V. President's Report

The School Site Counsel is getting ready to approve the school plan with an emphasis on strengthening and building the school community.

Jason met with the garden coordinator at Valley Vista and would like to adopt a similar program and possibly hire said garden coordinator. A garden program would be set up between January and March and then beginning in March there would be a 10 week program where the classes would learn about science, cooking and nutrition, and garden maintenance.

Jason met with ELAC and reported that 17% of the McNear population are English learners. He is adding a partnership with After School Enrichment for English learners piloted using Friends of McNear funds. The program will run as an after school tutoring program. The program will be run by Marlene Martinez and parent volunteers.

VI. Open Discussion – **DISCUSSION**

Book Fair – Tricia DeCarli reported that the book fair would run Monday through Friday from 8-4 with family desert night on Thursday. The classrooms will visit the book fair. Volunteers are needed to work it. Jennifer Mattox will set up a scrip table at desert night.

Holiday Giving – 40 gift tags will be hanging outside the office and the gifts should be returned by December 9th.

Craft Fair – Saturday from 10-4. There are 20-25 vendors and 20% of their proceeds will go to McNear PTA.

Swing Set – Jason indicated that the footings are loose and unsafe. It will cost \$2,500 to fix it, but it has been fixed before and rebroken.

Jason is reviewing the original plans and the district will be digging up the swing set to see if it is installed correctly. There was a discussion on the importance of the swing set as a part of the playground, particularly for some children who find refuge on the swing set when they are having difficulty engaging in other games.

Academic Mentors – 7 or 8 people responded to act as academic mentors. The program will begin after the Christmas break.

- VII. Adjourn –**ACTION**
Kendall Abramson motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. and Antoinette Butts seconded the motion.

Next PTA Meeting: February 2, 2010

6:30 STAFF ROOM