

Longfellow School PTO Meeting
December 11, 2007

In Attendance: Barbara Stoddard, Jen Judd-McGee, Linda Gervais, Jen Tabb, Sarah Maloney, Erin Tosi, Liz Meahl, Pierre Meahl, Chris Bearce, Deanne Burr, Alison Troxell, Tony Troxell, Teresa Lagrange, Meg Handlin, Mary Ann Butts, Julie Finn, Naomi Mermin, Mary Beaudet

1. Mission Statement/Introductions – Linda
2. Treasurer's Report (see attached) – Barb goes over what we have in the bank (\$12,000 before \$3,000 in reserve. The fall fundraiser made about \$2,500. Dawn spoke about this a bit and the feedback from parents that lead to the decision to change the fall fundraiser. We've also put a deposit down for the Woodford Club for the auction and opened a new bank account at University Credit Union where we'll be getting interest on our money.
3. Committee Updates: Linda explains that, as discussed at the Nov. 28th meeting, an idea has been put forward to submit written updates for the committees to make time for larger issues at monthly meetings. Jen motions that we use written updates to save time. Meg seconds it, it is voted on and passed. Jen gives a quick update on the Auction Committee : We will be holding this year's auction at the Woodford Club - the date is being set (it was mistakenly booked for Easter weekend). Box dinners will be available and we will still have snacks and desserts as well as a bartender on hand. We've heard a lot of feedback from people wanting a venue change so we are excited about this (Julie asks what were the results of the yahoo poll on this; Jen says it overwhelming supported a change in venue). Jen Tabb mentions that she is still looking for some people to help out with solicitations. Liz tells us about a new website, donorschoose.org where teachers can propose projects and people can fund projects they like. Eight Longfellow teachers have signed up on this site.
4. Holiday Families: Mary Ann tells us that there are 18 kids on the list this year and as of today only one gift remains un-purchased. She will be hosting a wrapping party at her house on Thursday.
5. Funding Priorities/PTO Mission discussion meeting review: Linda reviewed the minutes from the Nov. 28th meeting which sparked a lot more conversation and recapping. A lot of the conversation focused around how much time should be devoted to these conversations. Meg wondered if there wasn't a more efficient way to get historical information out to parents so these items don't need to be explained again and again. Dawn and Naomi both disagreed and felt that these conversations are important and often make way for new ideas.
6. Dawn Carrigan: Dawn chose to postpone her conversation until the next meeting.
7. Agenda Development
8. Parking Lot

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Rooks