

Gayton Elementary PTA Board Meeting  
December 14, 2010

List of Attendees: Joyce Hedish, Melissa Mayhew, Jen Harper, Renee Chandler, Stacy Smyth, Peggy Wingfield, Chrissy Nemeyer, Todd Tutung, Tracy Ingersoll and Laura Wiley (Teacher Rep.)

I. Call to Order at 5:47pm

II. Inspiration

III. Motion to approve minutes from November 2010 meeting – passed.

IV. Principal's Report:

- New fence is completed; safer for all kids especially the smaller ones.
- Assembly raised \$1500 for Christmas Mother.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade program is great!
- Thanks was given to the PTA for all of the luncheons. They are not only appreciated, but super.
- YMCA Babysitting opportunities for PTA meetings. Logistics unclear such as how many kids, location, cost, activities, etc... Perhaps an on line survey to determine interest. Another consideration would be just to offer it for Back To School Night. More discussion to come.
- Parent Climate Survey will be coming out in January 2011.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- Accounts are all on target.
- Important Procedural Detail: a non-signing member of the Board must review statements prior to Reconciliation. Melissa Mayhew will do this part.
- Deposits must be made within 24 hours of receipt.
- Have received some forms for the Corporate Matching Program.

VI. Ways & Means:

- Papa Johns was a great success. Gayton came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.
- Parents Night Out at the YMCA – successful. 28 reserved attendees and 5 drop-ins. \$190 net was made. Possible survey to collect feedback. Perhaps use Neighborhood Association newsletters/sites to broadcast Papa John nights and Parents Night Out events.
- Next Spirit Nights – January 12-14<sup>th</sup> at Color Me Mine. A flyer will go home with students to present at the store.
- Book Fair Details –
  - \$1641.00 net and \$453.00 in Scholastic dollars for library.
  - Spring Dates – Tentative for March 10-18<sup>th</sup>
  - Checking to see if doubling our Scholastic dollars can be used toward buying ½ of one set of books for Book Room. Are there expiration dates on the Scholastic dollars?

- Box Tops - \$500 from November. 6 classes have reached 1<sup>st</sup> level. 1 class at 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Possible poster in cafeteria to show where each class is to encourage more participation.
- Carnival – First Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2011.
- SpiritWear- Notice going out about great holiday gifts. Kim is checking on cost of slim case for school entryway.
- Square 1 Art – projects are almost complete. Order forms will go out in mid-February.

VII. Secretary – Note of thanks was read from the teachers thanking the PTA for the Holiday luncheon.

VIII. Programs:

- Visiting Authors:
  - Hoping for the week of February 14-18<sup>th</sup> which would coincide with Take Your Family To School week. Exact dates still TBD.
  - Possible theme for March Book fair would to be spotlight the authors we had at Gayton.

IX. Membership:

- 448 members to date. 327 families.
- PTA has a new website, “Just Between Friends”. Site is still in testing and development, but it is very user friendly.

X. Communications Report:

- Lee not present. However, Tracy mentioned that the “Just Between Friends” site can be used for e-mail blasts as well.

XI. County Council –

- Dr. Russo spoke about the budget cuts for 2011-12.
- Grant awarded to give teachers additional incentives to help with motivation and test results.
- HCPS requesting feedback on its website.

XII. Lay Advisory –

- Discussion all about the new Math program – Math Teacher in Residence.
- Dr. Russo to hold forum for parents, teachers, etc...Date TBD.
- Q & A session also to take place - date and location TBD.

XIII. Adjourn at 6:48pm.

Next PTA Meeting  
January 18, 2011 – Talent Show