

**Wednesday, January 19th, 2011 PTO Meeting  
3:30pm Art and Technology Room**

Meeting was called to order at 3:38pm.

In attendance: JL Jackson, Lydia Moore, Linda Pileggi, Donelle Johnson, Michael Bashaw, Traci Harrison, Carmen Feeny, Misty Khalique, Rebecca Craig, Renee Montague, Steve Feyrer-Melk, Talia Houseal, Lisa Valko, Tim Carpay, Gina Duxbury, Pamela DiSalvo.

1. Pledge
2. On Motion by Traci Harrison and Seconded by Steve Feyrer-Melk, the November Minutes were Approved.
3. Treasurer's Report was announced by Linda Pileggi and Lydia Moore. Thanksgiving Day Float \$567 spent, Candle Sales \$1840 – part was transferred into the students/teacher ratio fund, Reusable bags \$135, Box Tops \$98.60. Approx. \$21,000 in Sustaining Fund and \$2,000 in PTO account.
4. Michael Bashaw explained that the July state equalization payment for the FY 2010-11 school year was deferred until June 29, 2011. He stated that there was a net gain of approx. \$7,000 in tax credits for 2010. Michael announced that there was not a 25% deferment to teachers pay for the January 20 payroll. Michael Bashaw stated that historically we have had to count on the PTO funds to maintain the integrity of our programs. Lydia Moore inquired on the amount that was taken from the sustaining fund for the November deferment. JL Jackson stated \$5,500. Gina Duxbury proposed that the proceeds from the garage sale, dog show and silent auction go towards teacher salaries. Linda Pileggi stated that over the last 18 months approximately \$50,000 had been spent from the sustaining fund. The question was asked if the monies for teachers' salaries would be able to be paid back to the PTO once payment from the state had been received, Michael stated that he would have to check with the auditors before he would be able to answer that question. There was a proposal for an "Open House" to address parent questions regarding deferments and the future of the school. On Motion by Gina Duxbury and Seconded by Pamela DiSalvo, the monies raised from the garage sale and dog show were Approved to go towards teacher salaries.
5. Ms. Maureen volunteered to be chairperson of the nomination committee. Ms. Misty and Ms. Carmen volunteered to assist Ms. Maureen.
6. Gina Duxbury stated that the Garage Sale has been advertised in the paper and will also be on Craigslist. All volunteers are welcome; it's going to be great.
7. Gina Duxbury gave a brief update on the Dog Show. The middle school students will be serving the food to raise money for their trip to Washington, D.C.
8. JL Jackson discussed that she has worked out an agreement with Meridian Bank. They will not charge for the credit card for the first event (Silent Auction) and only charge \$45 for the second event (Live Auctions), which is a huge savings.
9. JL Jackson updated everyone that they are working with Dale (parent) for the catering services at the Gala; they are still working out an agreement for his services. They will have video slides of silent auction items. Gina Duxbury stated that the ticket prices will include alcohol, that she has found a vendor that will serve alcoholic beverages for \$10 a person.

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 p.m.