

Meeting: January 21, 2010
Elizabeth Ide PTO
(Unapproved)

Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Liane Raso, President. In attendance were Kathy Kreps, Principal Hansen, Tracey Edwards, Loretta Cornfield, and Lisa Blazeovich.

1. **Welcome-** Liane Raso welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Correspondence-** Several thank you cards from the teachers relating to the holiday cookie exchange and thank you cards from the bus drivers regarding the bus driver appreciation breakfast prior to the holidays. All Thank You's placed on the bulletin board out front in lobby of the school.
3. **Approval of Minutes-** December minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report-** Tracey Edwards reported that there is a checking account balance of \$10,510.46, with an available balance of \$6,649.46 due to several outstanding checks waiting to be cashed. The most significant account activity since the December meeting was:
 - Submitted 1st District Reimbursement request on January 8th for \$4,093.55. Reimbursement check should be received before next meeting.
 - Receipt of 1st Box Top payment of \$1,712.86, which included approximately \$649 from last year's program.
 - Net profit from January movie night (G Force) of \$713.64. 101 children attended!
 - Deposit of December Jewel Shop-n-Share days earnings (\$99.27).
 - Purchase of 5 Elmo document cameras for the Smart Boards of \$2,863.25. This expenditure was approved at the December PTO meeting.
 - Payment for "Magic of Books" all school assembly (\$750).
 - Purchase of 4 toner cartridges for open area copiers (\$456.48).
 - Several other smaller payments were made for additional headphones, final Halloween party expenses and cookie exchange expenses. A few small deposits for Ide gear sales were also made.

No other items were discussed related to the financials.

5. **2009-210 Fundraisers/Events-**
 - Box Tops for Education & Tyson A+ Labels – Keep cutting around the edges. Just received our check from the October turn in. Mrs. Kreps in lead for AM and PM kindergarten. Mrs. Amish in the lead for 1st grade and Mrs. Walega for 2nd grade.
 - PTO Service Project – Liane Raso will chair this event. We are going to collect cans of soup and peanut butter and jelly for the Woodridge Food Pantry. This will be done in conjunction with the 100th day of school on

February 8th. The Flyer will go out next week with turn in times from February 1st through February 8th. Teachers will mention this in their blogs and newsletters.

- Spring Pictures – scheduled for February 25th. Cindy Cronin has the list of parent volunteers and will arrange coverage.
- Snowflake Ball – Scheduled for February 27th. So far – 3 emails have gone out with search for a chairperson. Only one person has responded and Liane Raso will follow up to see if she is willing to arrange the event.
- Iowa testing Week (February 8 – 12) – Liane Raso and Tracey Edwards to coordinate. The teachers will be provided with gift bags and water during the test week. Teachers will also have a lunch provided for them by the PTO on Thursday the 11th. The children in 1st and 2nd grade will be given a snack provided by the PTO on Thursday the 11th as well.

6. Discussions-

- **PTO Expenditures** –Sharpeners and private offices for the teachers. The PTO will purchase either one or the other for the teachers. 14 teachers selected the sharpeners and 4 would like the private offices. Mr. K will order gym floor tape to supplement his curriculum.
- **Assemblies** – There is a reading magic assembly scheduled for 1/22/10 and another UNIQUE assembly scheduled for later in the trimester. At this time the PTO is over budget for assemblies and may not be able to provide a guest author.
- **Scholastic Dollars** - The PTO still has \$235 dollars to use by the middle of March. The PTO will be giving the order book to Mrs. Bouton in the Library when it comes in and she can order books to be used by all children.
- **Magazine Drive** – At present Ide does not have a chair for this event for next year. There are a few persons who have asked questions and Tracey Edwards will discuss the event with them. District PTO will need to know who will be the chairperson prior to the end of the year due to the event being held in September 2010.
- **Valentines Parties** - Principal Hansen confirmed that their will only be 4 helpers and 1 room parent allowed into the school for the parties. The teachers must inform the office who will be volunteering for each room.
- **PTO Board for Next Year** – At present three of the current board members will no longer be able to continue as their children will not be at Ide during the next school year. The PTO discussed when to start getting nominations. The next board needs to be voted in at the Spring Open House/Book Fair which will be held on April 29th. The PTO will start the nominating process during March and April.

7. District Update-

- Market Day: February 6th is the next date. Pick up is from 9:30 to 10:30am at Lakeview. Internet orders due by Wednesday February 3rd.

- District Social Event: There will be an adults dinner held on March 5th at the Cornerstone in Darien. Maureen Gibbons is the chairperson. There will also be a silent auction held on line like last year. This will begin in March sometime and run through the spring break. More info to come through soon.

Next PTO Meeting is February 11th at 3:45pm