

**Minutes to the Oak Hill Elementary PTA
Regular Executive Board Meeting
Held January 8, 2009**

Call to Order - At 12:37 p.m. in Portable Building G, Sunny Kenkare, President, called the meeting to order.

Quorum - A quorum was not established. Those in attendance were: Board Members Sunny Kenkare, Deena Perkins, DeeDee Eastwood, Valarie Spake, Tracy Remmert, Heather Sendera, Valerie Cabreva, Jill Ivie, Hannah Neill, Geeta Suggs, and Karen Mauldin; Principal Terry Whistler.

Approval of Minutes – The December 3, 2008, regular executive board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Comments from the President – Sunny Kenkare stated that the Texas PTA was sponsoring a new literacy program called “SMART” (Start Meeting and Reading Together) and inquired of the Board’s interest in participating in this program. There is a fall and spring competition – the deadline for the spring is May 15, 2009. To enter the contest, we would need to decorate a bin for collecting the books and submit [a photograph along with the number of books we’ve collected to the Texas PTA]. We can use books that are left over from carnival and drop and swap to fill the bin. Disadvantaged students (Title I schools) and others would be the recipients. The members present were agreeable to participating in this program.

Kenkare also stated that Susan White, Silent Auction Chair, needs help in soliciting donations from businesses for the carnival. All those interested should contact White or Kenkare.

Comments from the Principal –Principal Whistler commented that the Fort Worth Opera came to Oak Hill on the first day back to school [January 6] and had a 45 minute performance for the younger student (through 2nd grade) in the morning, and one for grades 3-5 in the afternoon. All the children loved it and it was a wonderful introduction to opera.

Ms. Broyhill has replaced Mrs. Collin’s position as 5th grade teacher; Mrs. Collins’ husband had been transferred to Florida and so she moved to Florida to be with her husband.

Around January 16, 2009, parents should receive their PIN numbers for the Parent Connection. Oak Hill is one of the pilot elementary schools where parents will be able to check their child’s grades and attendance through a web based program. Principal Whistler has asked for everyone’s patience as this new system is implemented. Grades PK-Second grade will report attendance only as these lower grades do not receive letter grades; grades 3-12 will report both grades and attendance of students. Board members who are familiar with this system stated that you will need to know your child’s student ID number and certain other information in addition to the PIN provided to log on to the web program.

Treasurer’s Report – DeeDee Eastwood presented and discussed the following: the Budget v. Actual statement and the Profit & Loss statement for the period July 1, 2008, thru January 7, 2009; Register from December 3, 2008, thru January 7, 2009; and a list of Educational Support disbursements. Eastwood noted that the new budget was approved at the last General Meeting held December 11, 2008. Notable activity since the last report was the near \$14,000 payment for gift wrap, a refund of \$728 for school supplies, and the collection of the largest outstanding NSF check. Money has not yet been disbursed for Project & Goals, but upcoming expenditures will be for Project Read training, scheduled for January 21 and February 7. The 5th grade science teachers attended training in San Antonio, which expense will need to be reimbursed.

Eastwood stated that Sunny Kenkare will notify the grade level teachers concerning their reimbursements under Educational Support. The deadline for submitting their expenses is January 31. Eastwood suggest all monies not spent under Educational Support be put back into the budget, or more specifically into Projects & Goals.

Committee Reports – Carnival: Heather Sendera reported carnival is scheduled for Friday, March 6, from 5-8:30 p.m. Currently, the committee is in great need of eggshells. There are none confetti eggs left over from last year, so they are considering purchasing cascerones. A room parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15. At that time they will hand out booth and food assignments.

Hannah Neill reported another sponsorship letter will go home shortly, offering wristbands for \$25, which can be used at carnival for everything but confetti eggs and food. They will work with Geeta Suggs concerning selling the wristbands online.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.