

# Holmes PTA Meeting

## October 23, 2008

**Present:** Cathy Farman, Lea Darrah, Sandra Schickele, Kerri Hogan, Lance Gunnensen, Anne Jones, Mary James, Derek Brothers, Heather Wade, Joanna Littell, Rob Egel, Leslie Hunter, Jennifer Raven, Shelley Bronzan, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Carole Harper, Patricia Price, Jan Blumenfeld, Cheryl Ozga

### I. **Meeting called to order**

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Library
- ◆ Introductions conducted among those present

### II. **Minutes from September 2008 PTA meeting**

- ◆ Rob Egel moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Derek Brothers seconded. Motion approved.

### III. **Auditor's Report – Cheryl Ozga**

- ◆ Cheryl Ozga presented the audit for January-June 2008 and reported that everything is in order. She did recommend that more care be taken to ensure there is a receipt for every disbursement.
- ◆ Lea Darrah moved to accept the auditor's report for the Union Bank account. Leslie Hunter seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Anne Jones moved to accept the auditor's report for the two Yolo Federal Credit Union accounts which were closed out with zero balances. Shelley Bronzan seconded. Motion approved.

### IV. **Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Raven**

- ◆ Jennifer Raven moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 1- Oct. 23, 2008. Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Jennifer reported that \$5,188.78 in teacher requests had been funded.

### V. **Math Department Presentation – Kerri Hogan and Heather Wade**

- ◆ Kerri Hogan discussed the impact of new state standards requiring algebra of all eighth-graders. She reported that just three percent of ninth-graders at Holmes have not completed algebra and there is an algebra support clinic to help them.

### VI. **Toy Shop Presentation – Lance Gunnensen**

- ◆ Lance Gunnensen reported that the Toy Shop will take place on Dec. 10 from 6-7 p.m. Beneficiaries will be students from Birch Lane Elementary.

### VII. **Counselor's Report – Joanna Littell**

- ◆ Joanna reported that Red Ribbon Week was a great community-building period.
- ◆ She reported that the conference on eating disorders that all of the counselors attended was very helpful and that the information received there has already been put to use at Holmes.

- ◆ Interns have been obtained for classes that need extra assistance and for homework club.
- ◆ 1802 meetings have begun for all eighth-graders and their parents. There was some discussion about having something similar for ninth-graders and their parents; Joanna will look into it. Also suggested was a forum for seventh-graders and their parents beyond Back-to-School night that would help them connect with staff, discuss study skills and time management issues as well as expectations. Derek Brothers will look into it.

VIII. **Teacher's Report** – *Heather Wade*

- ◆ Heather Wade reported that collaboration across schools (among all junior highs) on a previous Wednesday was helpful.
- ◆ She also reported that Clyde Quick's "Family and Friends" Night went well.

IX. **Principal's Report** – *Derek Brothers*

- ◆ Derek Brothers reported that October was very busy with program review meetings (Title I and ESL) and planning for a new system to replace SASI. Site plan has to be ready by Jan. 15, 2009.
- ◆ Numbers of students showing up at Nugget on Wednesday mornings has decreased dramatically following a request to parents to not allow their children to attend.

X. **Bylaws** – *Shelley Bronzan*

- ◆ Shelley Bronzan moved to accept the new bylaws as changed by the state PTA parliamentarian. Jennifer Raven seconded. Motion approved.

XI. **Unfundraiser Report** – *Lea Darrah for Carolee Gregg*

- ◆ Lea reported that more than 770 Unfundraiser invitations went out with donations requested by Nov. 15. She will make sure teachers receive the invitations as well and will put a box in the office for donations.

XII. **PTA Committee Reports**

- ◆ **Membership:** Leslie Hunter reported on membership chair Alette Farrell's behalf that membership is up over last year and previous years.
- ◆ **eScrip:** Cathy Farman reported that eScrip earnings for August were \$704; Savemart still hasn't delivered club cards and it could be November before they come in.
- ◆ **Parent Education:** Trish Price reported that the first parent education night with Dr. Robert MacKenzie brought out 35 parents, about a third of whom were from Holmes. The combined parent education committee will continue meeting to plan future programs.
- ◆ **Red Ribbon Week:** Mary James reported on events at Holmes during Red Ribbon Week.

XIII. **Meeting adjourned** at 9 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary*