



**PTA Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 12, 2011**

Call To Order

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Holly Brainard, Angie Holloway, Jeannie Christenson, Carrie Jones, Lynn Kooker, Donna Lemon, Dennis O'Lear, Becky Slootheer, Shari Atwood, Dawn Pladna, Tracy Baerenwald, Suzy Wilson, Gina Christensen, and Mrs. Nelson.

Started meeting by playing a sample round of Trivia Night.

As reported by Lynn Kooker

Feb. 4, 2012

Toad Valley

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia starts at 7:00 p.m.

Maximum of 8 players per table.

\$20/person - Includes food

Also include silent auction - Anyone with connections, please help acquire high perceived value items for auction (i.e. Altoona Campus, Adventureland, Kosoma, Farrell's, signed ISU/UI/UNI items, etc.)

Goal to raise total of \$4000

Concern raised regarding \$20 fee.

November Minutes

Moved to accept by Gina Christensen, 2nd by Tracy Baerenwald, all approved

Treasurer's Report

As reported by Angie Holloway

She went back starting with July's budget, to fix inconsistencies, clean up allocations.

All checks balanced, our records balanced with bank's records.

Angie will email budget prior to each meeting so members have time to review.

Additional \$25 was marked for classroom but not allocated to any classroom. Asking classroom parents if missing money per classroom spreadsheet.

Teachers starting to take advantage of funds

Caring Fund appears to be getting low - Miss Kim can use Community Outreach, if needed

Need for donated coats, hats, mittens, socks, jeans and underwear

July, August, Sept., Oct., and Nov. budgets were moved for approval by Gina Christenson, 2nd by Dawn Pladna, all approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boxtops

As reported by Suzy Wilson

We will be receiving a \$750.10 check in December.

Altoona Elementary

SOUTHEAST POLK SCHOOLS

Currently at 45% of \$3013 annual goal
Put Campbell's catalog in teachers' lounge – currently have 25,000 points
December prize: five \$5 McDonald Gift Certificates
Prize for January/February - lunch for best class
Should there be a prize for the teacher of the best class? Sam's Club offers a quick turnaround time for gift certificates

Events

As reported by Tracy Baerenwald
Sugar Shack made \$201
Burger King is Wed and Thursday from 4 – 8 p.m.
Winning class gets soft serve ice cream party
Claxon's is scheduled for January 17th

Fun Night

As reported by Gina Christensen
Gina will send out email to all members for first planning meeting to be held Dec. 21

Home Room

As reported by Suzy Wilson
Home Room parties to be held Dec. 16
Cookies Ordered

Hospitality

As reported by Donna Lemon
Teacher & Staff Appreciation: Wed., December 14: cookies, hot cocoa and cider

Membership

As reported by Gina Christensen
Some teachers have turned in memberships, 13 total

Newsletter

Newsletter Coordinator not present
Michele Ramsey would like to step down. Jeannie Christenson has offered to consider taking it over. Would like to go back to making it a hard copy to send one home with each family

Santa's Attic

Coordinator not present
Those that helped with event thought it was very successful
A little confusion about the letter – going to change some things
Discussed including the preschoolers and sending an elf into the classroom to explain how it works prior to them coming into Santa's Attic



Principal's Report

As reported by Dennis O'Lear
K-2 Dibbles this week
3rd – 5th BRI next week
PTA Burger King Night
5th Grade Band Night
Winter Party starts at 2:45 on Friday
School is out Dec 23 – Jan. 4
Jan. 4 – testing hearing
Jan. 6 – Mid trimester
Iowa Test – end of January
Thanks to everyone for coming

Coupons Class Fundraiser Proposal

As proposed by Gina Christensen
Facilitator: Katy Kitterman (Channel 13 News)
Our Cost: \$60
Dates: Jan. 8, 15, 28, or 29 week night or Saturday morning?
Where: Maybe in Library
Time: 2 hours
Gina to research

iPad Purchase Proposal

As proposed by Holly Brainard
Start with kindergartners
Kim (?) asked why younger kids first
Angie (?) suggested we talk about the class for the teachers and have Jamie talk to class teachers

Angie Holloway asked about bill for digital visualizers

It was decided to wait and see what was needed

Other

Lynn Kooker asked if the by-laws could be revised/updated. Holly is having them checked by the PTA organization.

Lynn Kooker talked about email voting – making list and giving out codes.
Angie Holloway (?) is going to research

Next Meeting – January 9, 2012
Meeting Adjourned 8:40 p.m.