

October 01, 2009

Bessemer Academy PTSO Meeting

MINUTES AND NOTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Jennifer McGuire.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Jennifer McGuire. Deposits made of \$ 444.00. We collected \$ 352.40 in the coin race for teacher of the year. Coach Jones won this month. He will get a parking space of his choice. Students will be awarded with an ice cream social from the cafeteria. Money from our McAllister's Deli event is due this Monday. We do not have a final count yet. Innisbrook total will also be known next week. Sno cones raised \$ 18.00; Target check received for \$ 45.51; donation of \$ 3.45 and directory sale of \$ 5.45. Pizza Hut cards are on sale for \$ 10.00. PTSO makes \$ 6.00 per card sold. Information will be sent home with students on 10/02. There are 300 cards to sell.

Reverse Raffle: Reverse Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010. Our theme this year will be Luau. We have a lot good decorating ideas. Jennifer is in contact with a DJ that will possibly work the event and donate his services. We would like for the DJ to incorporate some luau type games with the audience. We will make suggestions to him as to what type games. WE NEED HELP! There are a number of ways parents and teachers can help to make this the best Raffle we have ever had:

- 1.) Tickets will be charged to your account in January, please pay promptly so our money will be available to pay our vendors.
- 2.) We need silent auction donations. We can auction items, services, gift cards, entertainment tickets, vacation rentals, etc.. We also need door prizes. Please make a donation if possible.
- 3.) We need to sell corporate tables. Tables sell for \$ 400.00 and seat eight which includes dinner for eight and four chances to win grand prize of \$ 10,000.00. Tables will have a corporate sign displaying company name and contact. It's great advertisement for your company. Remember 400 + people will see this sign. Your company will also be listed in our March PTSO minutes on BA website. Perhaps you could sell a table to your employer, friends, family or associates.
- 4.) If you are involved with sports or a club at BA, we would love to collect an auction item. For example, football team could submit a football autographed by players and coaches and a picture of the team. If you are interested, please contact Vickie Vanderslice at 337-8818 / 938-3544.
- 5.) We need volunteers to help solicit businesses for donations and/or corporate table sales. There is a solicitation area list attached. Perhaps you could volunteer to work an area listed or an area where you live, work or shop. We will provide the solicitation letter, all you have to do is go by and see someone in management. Give them the letter and ask if they would help us.

REASON'S FOR YOU TO HELP WITH RAFFLE

Reverse Raffle is the largest fundraiser that PTSO does. Our goal for raffle proceeds is to purchase much needed technology items for the school. Items such as projectors, additional computers for classrooms, laptops for teachers and a secured entrance door to the main building will be purchased. These items will benefit the entire school, all students and faculty. We will also continue to grant teachers wish list for their classrooms. Every cent raised by PTSO efforts are spent to better educate our children and to help provide a safe environment for our children to learn in. PTSO fundraisers' help to keep our tuition cost down by providing financial assistance to the school. If you are not involved with our Parent Teacher Student Organization, I urge you to get involved. Your children depend on these efforts. PTSO accomplishes so much with so few people involved, think what a difference we could make if each student had one parent involved.

UPDATES

Parent Support Programs: Report given by Lorie Batch. There was 1,656 box tops mailed on September 1. There are 536 Capri Sun pouches ready to mail. Capri Sun provides labels and mail cost. These pouches are recycled to make purses, book bags, etc.. Collection boxes are stationed in the teachers lounge and the cafeteria. Current leaders are Ms. Debra for K3 - K5, Mrs. Price for grades 1 - 3 and Mrs. Reaves for grades 4 - 6. Please continue to send in pouches and box tops. Also continue to use Target credit/debit cards and Publix cards. Publix will send the PTSO a check every quarter.

Guitar Hero Tournament: Originally scheduled for October 15th. Unfortunately this tournament has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers needed to work. We needed 30 to 40 adult volunteers based on our expectation of involvement from other schools. We only had 6 people willing to help. We had radio stations that were working to advertise this event. We had prizes donated. We had equipment loaned. We had food items donated. We needed help with television equipment and workers. We hope to be able to sponsor this fundraiser in the future. The PTSO will not participate in any activity that we are not confident of the safety of our children. We didn't feel as though we had enough parental participation to safely conduct this fundraiser.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher Appreciation: Sponsored by 6th and 8th grades on Friday, October 30th. Halloween theme luncheon. If you are the parent of a 6th or 8th grader, please send a finger type lunch food by 10:00 to the teachers lounge. Suggestions include sandwiches, cold salads, fruit tray, pickle/vegetable tray, Halloween treats, cookies, etc..

BA Spirit Night: Will be held at Chik Fil A at Tannehill Promenade on Tuesday, October 20th from 5:00 - 8:00. JV cheerleaders will meet and greet customers and collect donations. We need volunteers to help clean tables, face paint and pass out balloons. Even if you can't help, please come out and eat. PTSO will receive a portion of all money made during these hours.

E-Mail / Text System: Currently in works. This system will provide better communication between parents and the school. This will be a direct link into the school which will send e-mails and text to the parents. It will also be used to notify parents of early dismissal, emergencies, etc..

Pizza Hut Cards: On sale now. Cost is \$ 10.00, PTSO makes \$ 6.00 per card sold.

Bell Sale: Will be held November 7th from 5:00 am til midnight. Coupons are \$ 5.00 and may be used all day on purchases. Information will be sent home soon.

Directories: Also a work in progress. Will be available soon. Information will be sent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was nominated and approved to grant Mrs. Ryals' wish list for the purchase of 6 play mats and play dough. Cost \$ 100.00. Mrs. Jones wish list was also approved for the purchase of an interactive globe and 13 reading instruction books. Cost \$ 110.00.

For November, PTSO will consider Mrs. Banks wish list for Academic Achievement in Math Science to be used for student preparation for ACT exams. Cost is \$ 800.00. We have a number of other wish list submitted. We try to vote on wish list as they are submitted, the time frame needed by teacher and, of course, we have to consider if the money is available. Remember ,this is why the school needs PTSO fundraisers. Tuition alone can not pay for all expenses and needs.

Brenda Speigner suggested sponsoring a movie in December. We would choose an age appropriate movie for kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school students. Each group will have a movie day during school hours in the gymnasium. We would sell drinks and popcorn. The University of Alabama Drama Department may come out and perform, rather than a movie. Brenda will contact UA for more information. This is a work in progress. The idea must be submitted to administration for approval. First we must have more information.

Brenda Speigner is also getting information for our Charity Field Day. Event will be planned for early May. Possible ideas include Jump rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. These programs will include a coordinator host. Supplies, plans, posters, educational material, promo items and jump ropes will be provided. We would also like to include other activities in this . We may invite the YMCA and others to participate by having a booth. We will have more information at our next meeting.

We had eight parents present, no teachers, no students. Next meeting will be Thursday, November 5th, K5 and 10th grade teachers, parents and students are asked to attend.

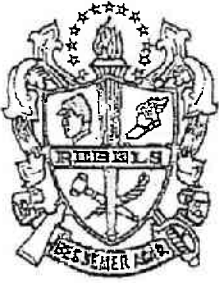
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SOLICITATION AREAS

CORPORATE TABLES, SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, DOOR PRIZES,
DONATIONS

VOLUNTEER	AREA
VICKIE VANDERSLICE	BESSEMER, DOWNTOWN, MORGAN ROAD
VICKIE VANDERSLICE	WATERMARK OUTLET AREA
VICKIE VANDERSLICE	TANNEHILL PROMENADE AREA
JENNIFER MCGUIRE	THE SUMMIT
JENNIFER MCGUIRE	HIGHWAY 280
BRENDA SPEIGNER	BROOKWOOD VILLAGE
BRENDA SPEIGNER	LAKESHORE PARKWAY
BRENDA SPEIGNER	HOMEWOOD
TRACEY HOWARD	CENTER POINT
	GALLERIA
	PATTON CREEK
	HIGHWAY 150
	HOOVER
	HIGHWAY 31
	PELHAM
	HUEYTOWN
	UNIVERSITY MALL, TUSCALOOSA
	DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

PLEASE CONTACT VICKIE VANDERSLICE AT 337-8818 OR 938-3544 TO VOLUNTEER
TO WORK AN AREA. WE NEED YOUR HELP !!



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5TH ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

The Bessemer Academy PTSO is preparing for our 5th Annual Reverse Raffle. The event is planned for February 27, 2010. The PTSO is already hard at work planning out our theme, decorations and catering. We are also working very hard to sell corporate tables and solicit items, goods and services for our silent auction.

You can help in one of three ways:

(1) Purchase a ticket. Tickets sell for \$ 100.00. Each ticket is good for two people and two dinners. Each ticket is also good for one chance to win our Grand Prize of \$ 10,000.00.

(2) Buy a corporate table. Perhaps your employer would purchase a table. Tables sell for \$ 400.00. Each table is good for eight people and eight dinners. Each corporate table is good for four chances to win our Grand Prize of \$ 10,000.00. Tables will have a corporate sign with company information as advertisement. Companies will be thanked for their support during the event and will also be listed in the PTSO March notes on the Bessemer Academy website.

(3) Donate any items in good condition for our silent auction. We can also auction services such as pictures, spa packages, tanning packages, landscaping or cleaning services. We can auction gift certificates or tickets to entertainment venues or sporting events. We would love to have some vacation rental units at the beach or mountains to auction. We also need items which can be given as door prizes.

All donations are tax deductible. We will be more than happy to pickup any donations. We will have door prizes, 50/50 drawings and a silent auction. Every cent raised from our raffle is spent to better educate our children. Our goal this year is to purchase technology items for the school.

For ticket information or to donate to the silent auction please contact:

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**\$ 10,000.00 GRAND PRIZE
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
MUST BE AT LEAST 18 TO ATTEND**