

**Austin Creek Elementary Parent's Club
General Meeting
September 5, 2008**

Participants

Executive Committee: Karen Grotte - President
Lynne Trainor - 1st Vice President
Lorie Banks - 2nd Vice President
Larry Kidneigh – Treasurer

Board of Directors

Denise Alvear	Lorraine Bryars
Cathy deRecat	Rhonda Glenn
Kim Herculson	Leigh Hoyt
Ann Hudson	Ann Pride
Jull Shubel	Leticia Shubel
Leticia Sotelo	Stephanie Thibault
Jennifer Wong	

General Membership:

Lorraine Bryars	Jeanne Bevilacqua
Irina Hall	Anita Markoff
Jill Shubel	Sheree Kamler
Brian Tuller	Linda Fuss
Shannon Baker	Elizabeth Arayo
Joshua Weil	Elizabeth Bruno
Shawna Nielsen	Kareen Poulsen
Nika Bowen	Jennifer Foster
Dawn Kruetzfeldt	Alicia Shackelford
Colleen Farrell	Liz Adams
Cindy Wu	Jennifer Strunk
MaryEv Betterly	Shelby Moellen
Kristin Quarles	Karen Gould

Welcome, Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: Order was call at 8:50 a.m.

Introduction of New Executive Committee and General Board Members: Karen Grotte introduced new Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 School year.

Approval of May 2, 2008 Meeting Minutes: Karen Grotte asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lorie Banks motioned to approve – seconded by Lorraine Bryars. All in favor. None opposed (if no one opposes this does not need to be included).

Roll Call of Board of Directors: All attendees stood up and introduced themselves. Lorie Banks took roll as each person spoke.

Principal's Report – Dr. Leaf: API were published in the newspaper this morning. She very much appreciates all the kids/teachers/parents efforts in helping the kids with studying and getting great test scores. We had scores 930-950. Ann is on board every Wednesday. We are off to a great start.

President's Report – Karen Grotte: Acknowledgements were made to: Membership Committee: Ann Hudson, Jennifer Wong and Cathy deRecat for getting the first of the year off and running. Welcome Back Luncheon (with little notice) by Kim Herculson, Julie McIntosh/Julie Wiesner for chairing the Back to School Social; the Beidatsch/Baker Families for their donations of the Hot Dog and Hamburgers for the Back to School Social; and to Stephanie Shelton for kicking off our Wish Upon a Star for each classroom.

1st Vice President's Report – Lynne Trainor: Review of 2008-2009 Goals \$11K for consultants, \$10K field trips, \$8500 classroom materials, \$2000 playground equipment, \$1500 donation to Lincoln Elementary School, \$4000 athletic and team equipment – support for academic teams as well (the OM team came in 17th out of 55 in the nationals!), \$4000 umbrellas. \$1000 lunch time activities, \$1000 Rincon Valley School District, \$500 for Maria Carillo lights for a total \$42,500. Half of our proceeds from wrapping paper fundraiser generally go to Rincon Valley Education Foundation, but we were a bit more cautious this year with the economic situation. A suggestion was made to not cut back the donation to RVEF because it benefits the children of our school as well. Lynne commented that we can always give more, but we need to see how our fundraising goes before deciding on the exact amount we will donate this year. Lincoln Donation Line Item: We decided to keep this at \$1,500 because if we are being hit hard they will be hit even harder. Goals to date – we purchased 2 umbrellas, playground equipment, equipment carts, pump for the balls. Lynne also acknowledged Stephaine Thibault – thank you for the hospitality for this meeting.

One parent asked if there was more money to spend on goals this year, no all money designated for goals is accounted for, no extra for this year. We do not get a huge response from the surveys and that is what we use to establish our goals. This does not necessarily mean that we are covering everything our school needs. Lynne stated that she would like to start working on the goals for the upcoming year – wants more feedback from the parents regarding new ideas/goals for the school. If you have an idea go ahead and submit it now. Her e-mail is published on our website.

2nd Vice President's Report – Lorie Banks: Committees – thank you to everyone for helping out and stepping up. Website – please look at the website. Contact us if you have an interest in volunteering. We have a great website – thank you Brett. Lorraine has seen much more activity on the website. Sally Foster orders can be made online. The minutes and other important data will be posted. Keep sending the information to have it posted. We want it to be used as a great tool.

Treasurer's Report and Budget – Larry Kidneigh

Total Revenue: \$1,819 in August. Total paid \$4,200 in August.

Committee Reports

Membership – Cathy deRecat/Ann Hudson/Jennifer Wong

Extra donations are welcome and appreciated. It is tax deductible. Make sure to ask and make sure all parents know about the club/donations. Email is school wide for people who provide it to Lorie/directory.

Welcome Back Luncheon – Kim Herculson – nothing to report

Back to School Social – not present.

Completely sold out of several items. Very successful. Hot Dog social was so much fun. \$600+

Wish Upon a Star – Stephanie Shelton – not present.

Directory – Lish Shackelford

Appreciates all the support and help for getting information turned in timely. Only need 7 children's data for 100% participation.

Sally Foster – Lorraine Bryars/Linda Fuss

Fun kick-off assembly. We are off to a great start. Not a competition. Purely a fundraiser. Can do online orders.

Entertainment Books – Irina Hall

Will kickoff after Sally Foster.

Escrip – Andi Brady – not present.

Easy way to get money for the school. Goal to get 100% participation.

Newsletter – Karen Gould

Newsletter comes out 5 times a year. Chairpersons – great way to get information out.

Deadline is always one week after Parent Club Meeting

RVEF Report – Megan Sherman – not present.

Foundation made to support the school curriculum and teachers salaries. Need two more volunteers from Austin Creek.

Movie Night – Denise Alvear

Have 3 scheduled Tinkerbell, Wall-E, and one on Dec. 5th. Only show G-rated films. Friday is movie night. \$5 donation to go to the movie night. It is all online. Please check the dates and movies. Fill out forms from online – no papers will be sent home to save on paper.

Family Night – Leight Hoyt

September 18th Baskin Robbins – 20% proceeds will be donated to the school. Bring friends.

Teachers will be scooping!! Village Market Patio BBQ on Oct. 16th.

Children's Savings Fund – Kristin McIff/Alice Tuft – not present.

Kids bring money to school and they bring it to the bank.

Auction – Yvonne Stillman (Lorie reported for her)

Have a great amount of energy for this year's auction. It is going to be a great year. We have donations already. Need more help – please don't hesitate to jump in to help. Check the website to get specific information – make it easier to help out via online. Kick off meeting is next Friday. Please come and listen – room 12. Formal event in January.

Box Tops – Kareen Poulsen

Start soon with box tops. Collect every 3-4 months.

T-shirts – Kareen Poulsen

Sales will start after the Sally Foster fundraising event. Showed an example shirt. Narrowing it down to more basic choices this year.

Author's Day – Ronda Glenn

Doing 2 this year. Copperfields will pay for the author to come to our school. Oct. 2 is the first Author's Day with K-3 grades. Author will come and sign the books. The next Author's Day will be focused on the older kids. Anybody can call authors to come and offer their books. If you know of someone, please let us know. Brian can discuss thoughts later also.

Nika Bowen – how do we get the kids to know about the donation to Lincoln Elementary school???? Dr. Leaf -can't hear many details...we need a committee for this. Karen said she will follow up. How do we get our kids to be more aware of the money we are giving?? Wish list for scholastic book fair? Families on the move also changed their focus – we are giving a penny per lap – making a donation to a charity at the end of a couple months. Names were taken for people who wanted to help out with the Lincoln donation.

Room Parent Coordinator – Julie McIntosh – not present

Room parent meeting will be September 26.

Old Business

Issue regarding evening meetings. We typically get low attendance for these – we do the best we can to accommodate everyone.

Dr. Leaf acknowledged questions regarding the ice cream sales. Problems range from money, parental controls (purposely not sending money and then the kids borrow money), sugar highs, tardy kids. Maybe we can try something else? Make a new committee to come up with new ideas?? Volunteers were: Lorraine Bryars, Shiree Kamler, Denise Alvear, Christine Quarles, & Liz Shakelford.

Air Conditioning – is the Parents Club allowed to purchase anything to help the classes? Dr. Leaf said we can help by purchasing, but it is also a district issue (must be approved by the district and the state of California). It is a huge issue. Shannon Baker will type up a proposal for portable units. The Parents Club cannot afford to pay for air conditioning for the entire school. It isn't a new issue – we have researched it in the past.

Next meeting is November 7th. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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