

Devinny PTA  
1725 Wright St.  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
September 1, 2009

Call to Order: Skip Dorsey called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PIE Presentation: Homework and Study Strategies were presented by Mrs. Lively and Mrs. Sweitzer. They discussed the three “R’s” – required, routine and responsibility and how to support your child with their homework. Find out if your child’s learning style is auditory or visual. Provide a quiet place with necessary supplies for your child to study. Be available for assistance but avoid the tendency to rescue. Allow your child to take responsibility for homework, loading their backpack and getting to school with everything they need to be successful.

Officer introductions: Co- Presidents – Jeff Larkins and Skip Dorsey  
Vice President – Mary Beth Pickett  
Secretary – Sally Garcia  
Treasurer – Kim Soulliere

Tina Larkins motioned to approve minutes from May 5, 2009 PTA meeting. Motioned was seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Kim Soulliere reported the current balance as \$31,070.00 (see attached). Membership and party fees collected at registration totaled \$4,200.00. Clarification on budget received. Funds for stage doors were allocated.

Legislative committee: Mark Flora presented and acknowledged committee members Margaret Hertzog and Mike Williams.  
Legislative committee meets monthly with representatives to find out about legislation and report back to PTA members.  
Senator Betty Boyd - focused on health issues  
Andy Kerr - focuses on education  
Ken Summers - south of Kipling - also holds monthly meetings  
2007 - Begin to effect - way report accountability – CSAP based on individual child  
2008 - Financial bill to get low interest loans for green energy - windmills  
2008 - Unpaid leave for school meetings and functions - fill in what does  
2009 Lakewood City Council Candidates Information Guide  
<http://www.rklsmartbooks.com/books/election/index.html>  
Lakewood City Council Candidate Forum, Sept 10!  
(Details also listed on pg 38 of the guide link above)

PTA never endorses candidates, but wants parents to be informed.

Ways and Means: Allen Gallamore presented.

Purpose of Ways and Means is to spend money generated by PTA fundraisers in order to support school function.

-Short term educational - supports teachers by increasing funding and teacher request for classrooms

-Short term environmental – examples of past funding for improving Devinny’s environment:

- Sports equipment

- Walkie talkie radios

- A.E.D – Auto. External Defibrillator

- Recycle bins

-Medium term – past projects have been:

- Water fountains

- Shade structure -\$3000.00 from PTA and City of Lakewood grant for \$34,000.00

-Long term goals – eliminated due to lack of manpower and other resources

Requests for project funding may be submitted to the Ways and Means committee for consideration. Ways and Means always welcomes more members to join there meetings to help approve funding.

Principal’s Report: Terry Elliott

-Good start 1st day of school due to Back to School nights and assessments prior to school

-New temp classroom added during the summer

-Adventures in Reading successful with 200 kids qualifying

- Ram Run – good family event

-Gold C sales begin tomorrow – fundraiser for technology

- Stage door update – building permit needed, takes 6 weeks on doors, projected install date is during Thanksgiving week

-Newsletter out this Friday – reminders for “hug and go” to keep the traffic flowing and no pets allowed on campus

-Conferences October 19th – 23rd, sign up in the halls

-CSAP results were great, individual results out in a month

Old business: none

New business:

- Reflections - Alyson Bradley, theme “Beauty is ...”, categories include literature, art, visual arts, photography, music composition, dance or film production. PTA Express workshops offer guidance in categories to help encourage kids to participate in Reflections. Workshops will depend on how much help and volunteers available to bring in professionals. Deadline for entries is October 22, 2009. Volunteers needed for set up, judging, food, and clean up. Open house will be November 10, 2009.

- Dad’s and Donuts – October 2, 2009

- Rubber Duck Launch – September 26, 2009 – volunteers needed for launching, refreshments, prizes, removable tattoos, 8:00am set up and clean up. \$10.00 includes duck, 5 launches and donut
- Sock Hop – September 11, 5:00pm to 8:00pm – volunteers needed for food organizing and dad's to scoop ice cream. \$2.00 for pizza, drink and chips. Free ice cream

Announcements:

- Ways and Means looking for new members
- Gold C sales begin September 2, 2009
- October 1st –Pictures and One day count –numbers important for funding
- Leadership conference, September 12, 2009
- Next PTA meeting October 6, 2009

Margaret Herzog motioned for creating a PTA Technology committee. Motion was seconded. Membership approved.

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Sally Garcia, Secretary  
Date: 10-03-09