

Roberts Elementary PTO Board Meeting
Friday, November 2, 2012
8:15 a.m. Roberts Cafe

In attendance: Alyson Rooney, An'jum Khan, Ana Kaplan, Courtney Tardy, Elizabeth Singleton, Esther Pastore, Isabel Khan, Jennifer Thornton, John Thornton, Kelly Wehrer, Lana Boutwell, Natalie Smith, Nathan Somera, Paula Zurcher, Renae Holman Murti, Sheryl Barrett, Tom Fowler, Valerie Thompson, Ann Heikkinn, Kirsty McCormack (20 People)

President, Jennifer Thornton, called the meeting at 8:12am.

Approval of Minutes by Lana Boutwell - Lana Boutwell, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes from the September meeting for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paula Zurcher and seconded by Alyson Rooney. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

School Report by Rita Graves – The first thing we would like to do is introduce our new Assistant Principal, Joyce Ballard. Joyce has been with us for the past two weeks. She has been doing recruiting visits, most recently with the Bellaire Young Mothers Club. Joyce will be handling all of the same duties that Steven did when he was with us such as taking over the GT program, discipline, and magnet tours, which will start next week. If you are interested and available to tag along, they will be held at 9:00 & 1:00 everyday except Tuesday.

Our 5th graders are working hard on exhibition and through that process we are seeing that learning the IIM process is really paying off. IIM is the research model we adopted last year and are using in grades K-5.

Just so everyone knows, Election Day will be crazy here at Roberts. Finding parking will be a mess and I am confident that the city will be out giving tickets. If you haven't signed up to bring something for the bake sale, please consider doing so. We will need lots of items to keep it stocked throughout the day. We will have a lot of people in the school that we don't know, please wear your nametags. If anyone is interested in being a hall monitors, please let me know.

Treasurer's Report by Alyson Rooney – Recapping recent financial activities, the International Festival is well over their budget, directory is high because we have not paid for them yet. Classroom supplies line item only includes about one half the teachers.

Special Events/Spirit Days by Courtney Tardy – We have had a lot of business asking us to join them for a "Spirit Day". We had one at Rocket fizz was last week and

made about \$118.00. What we need to decide is which business do we want to do these with. We can certainly do Candalari's, since they are very generous to us during carnival. Do we also want to do one with Ruggles and Jerry Built? We could possibly do a shake day with Jerry Built and noodle day at Jenny's Noodle House.

PTO Open Positions – Our school store needs help. This is a pretty easy job with a schedule on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 30 minutes in the morning. We still don't have anyone to run carnival, but we have several people who have offered to run the different areas. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please send him or her Courtney Tardy's way.

Community Nights by Ester Pastore – Since this is not a Roberts only event, please feel free to invite everyone you know. We will give away nachos, popcorn and lemonade. Our 5th grade class will be selling candy and glo sticks. Lola's catering will have hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken sandwiches for purchase. My Sister-in-law will be face painting from 5:30 – 7:00. The movie that night is the "The Lorax".

5th grade fundraisers by Sheryl Barrett – We need help with all of the activities this month. Our first event will be the bake sale, please bring your goodies on Monday and leave them on the stage. Our second event will be Community Night and will have siffs available to sell our glow sticks and candy. Third, we have our second of four KNO's on Friday, November 16th. Mrs. Cartes' class is responsible for volunteers this time. Our first KNO was sold out, so please get your form in early. They will go home next week. Our fourth and last event before the Thanksgiving holiday will be our Garage sale. We are selling slots for \$25.00 each and you keep the profits. Or if you want to donate, please contact Emily or Gunther Kemper.

Bookfair by Kelly Weher – They are still looking for volunteers, we will be sending out an email next week with more information. Family night is Thursday this year due to our early dismissal day on Wednesday. Please plan to have dinner at school; food trucks from Sylvia's Enchilada Café and Bernie's Burger Buss will be here.

Garden by Renae Holman Mutri – Some of the items we have planted are growing!! And it is so exciting. The kids love to garden and they have so many questions. Whole foods donated flowers and pumpkins, which are round and Urban Harvest donated all of our seeds. Please stop by and let the kids look. Our first, third and fifth graders will be planting in the spring, and many of those classes don't have "Garden Liaison's", so please consider signing up. We have decided to schedule our workdays on the 3rd Friday and 1st Saturday of each month. We are considering making something for the auction from the garden like a basket of fruit or baked.

Auction by Paula Zurcher – Our auction is fast approaching and will be held on February 23rd at the Rice University Student Center. We have some information on-line and that information will be updated, as we get closer to the event. The party donation

form as well as the item donation form can both be found online. Please make sure that your class has an auction project parents to help. We will have a meeting with the project coordinators when they pick up their cow. We sent an information letter regarding this last week. One last reminder is that St. Arnold has once again agreed to donate the beer and Lola catering will be providing the food.

President Jennifer Thornton adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am. The next PTO Board meeting will be Friday, December 7, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. in the Roberts Café.