



Ladera Elementary School
PTO Meeting
November 16, 2011

Board Members Present:

Pam Edmondson, Jim DiLellio, Karen Sisson, Kathy Ghanouni, Sheila Adlawan, Judy Clark, Pam Dixon

Board Members Absent:

Janice Lee, Zubia Villacorta, Shannon Bowers

Principal:

Derek Pinto

See attached sign-in sheet for Committee Chairs and parents who were also present.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 8:50 AM by Pam Edmondson. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Karen Sisson and were seconded by Laurie Biele.

2. Jim DiLellio & Pam Dixon- Treasurer:

- P&L's: we still show money outstanding from the Membership Drive (mostly from Pay Pal).
- Classroom checks (\$10 per student) have been distributed to the teachers.
- Large amounts of funds are in the safe for Earthquake kit underwear. Robin Steinmetz and Kathy Ghanouni are to count and deposit.
- The safe combination has been changed. Jim and Pam prefer that monies be hand-given to them instead of placing in the safe. They meet every Wednesday at 8:15 AM to cut checks.
- Nicole Stepanian brought up that the Spirit Run is not on the budget (She will talk to Janice regarding this).

3. Mr. Pinto- Principal:

- The UNICEF fundraiser at Halloween raised \$525.00.
- Dino Dash-Ladera won the coveted Stegosaurus Trophy and raised \$3,510.00 with 128% of enrollment participation.
- A grant application was submitted for \$2,000.00.
- A School Site Plan was created for student achievement in the following areas: English Language Arts, Math and English Language Development.
- In the hallway there is a John Wooden Pyramid of Success display. Students will be recognized for hard work, determination, self-control, fitness, etc. This will go hand in hand with our 212 degree concept to put in the one extra degree of effort.

- Recognition and appreciation was given to Carmel Ryan and Pam Edmondson for their countless time and effort they give to Ladera. Also thank you to Mike Martinez for his hard work on the school garden. Thank you Pam, Carmel and Mike!

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4. Judy Clark- Fall Carnival and Family Night:

- A big thank you to all the parent volunteers and teachers for all their hard work on the Fall Carnival. The Carnival was a great success and super fun for the kids. We raised \$12,186.00 total for the event.
- Family Movie Night is going to be Friday, December 9th from 6-8:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- Glee Club and Fifth Grade Promotion will be selling baked goods, hot chocolate and popcorn. Spirit Wear will also have a booth.
- Miss Blair will lead the group in Holiday Carols followed by the movie Polar Express.
- Kids should wear their pj's and can bring a pillow & blanket to the event.
- Judy will have a flier go out in the Friday folders as well as an article in the newsletter.

5. Sheila Adlawan-After School Programs:

- The new winter session will start January 3rd.
- Cooking classes, tennis, Made Science, Legos, and Color Me Mine are on the schedule.

6. Karen Sisson- Publicity:

- The deadline for the December/January newsletter is Wednesday, November 16th.
- Karen encourages us to submit articles to her.
- An email was sent out regarding Spree Bird (formally known as Screaming Deals). This is a great way for Ladera PTO to earn money with little effort. If you are already a member and have chosen Ladera as your charity, you don't have to sign up again. Please help to spread the word.
- The Membership Directory is scheduled to out after Thanksgiving; there was a delay with the Printers.

7. Kathy Ghanouni- Assemblies:

- The next assembly is Bully Dudes and is scheduled for January 13th.

8. Junior Great Books- Laurie Biele:

- The program is to start in January 2012 beginning with the Enrichment 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders. First and Second grade will start at the end of the school year.

9. Spirit Wear/ Green Team-Kendra Ananias and Sandra Villa:

- Spirit Wear will be sold at both upcoming Family Nights.
- Ladera decals will be given out on Wednesdays to kids that walk or ride their bikes to school.
- Kendra would like to present at the Spring PTO Meeting two different logos for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.

10. Safety- Robin Steinmetz:

- There is grant money that is available and Robin would like to use this money to have an "Emergency Preparedness or Internet Safety" event. We could invite another school to participate.

- Bianca is aware of an organization that helps with Child Self-Defense that might be an option and will get the contact information to Robin.

13. Miscellaneous:

- Pam was asked to bring up the topic of Fundraising and to begin brainstorming on ideas for future events. Ask around and get input from other parents, schools, etc.
- December's PTO meeting is to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.