

Gorrie Elementary PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2011

Call To Order: Janice opened the meeting at 6:12 pm. Introduced the board members for the 2011-2012 school year. All board members were present except for Treasurer Brad Kamp.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: MTA by Pat Ashby, 2nd Laurie Bringgold. Minutes approved.

President's Update - Janice Rickert

- Brief overview of the PTA activities for the year. Including Fall Festival, Walk-a-Thon, Golf tournament, teacher gifts in December and Teacher Appreciation week in May.
- Sources for information on upcoming events include the PTA website at mygorrie.com and weekly email blasts. Anyone not receiving these should visit the website and click on the sign-up link.

Treasurer's Report - reported by Janice Rickert

- Reported that the audit went well.
- Reviewed the proposed budget. Budget was approved.

Committee Updates From VPs -

2nd VP - Faith Alexander

- **Fall Festival** - An update was given regarding the by Veronica Bazarte and Sherri Kincade. The festival will be October 28th 5:30-7:30. Meetings are being held every other Tuesday morning at 8:00, the next meeting will be Oct 11th. Volunteers are still needed, please contact Jennifer Pope at jen_norris1@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out the night of the event, as approximately 200 people are needed during the festival for 1 hour shifts. As an incentive, there will be a classroom party for the class with the most parent volunteers.

3rd VP - Ashley Marchetti

- **Golf Tournament** - An update was given on the by Shelly Renninger and Melissa Geske. This will be Gorrie's 13th Annual Golf Tournament. It will be held on January 27, 2010 at 1:00 at MacDill Air Force Base. Last year the event raised more than \$19,000. Meetings will begin in November, after the Walk-A-Thon. Volunteers, sponsors and golfers are needed. Those who have already signed up will be contacted. Anyone who has not signed up to volunteer can contact them through the Gorrie website.

4th VP - Pat Ashby

- **Walk-A-Thon** - Update given by Melissa Borchard - Volunteers are still needed for this event, especially the dads. Every volunteer will receive a free t-shirt as an incentive. The date for this event is November 4th with the rain date being November 7th.

Dad's Club Report - Kevin Hord was not in attendance, Janice Rickert gave the report.

The Dad's Club is involved with the Fall Festival by manning the grills, four dads are needed for two 1 hour shifts. They are also very involved in the Walk-A-Thon, 3- 4 Spirit Nights per year, and they sell the Gorrie magnets.

Principal's Report - Marjorie Sandler

- Thanked the Faculty and Staff, Foundation, and PTA.
- Introduced new teachers.
- Theme this year is "the best and nothing less".

Gorrie Foundation - President - Valerie Tobin

- Explained what the Foundation is - a 5013c company which is a nonprofit organization
- funds the come in through the Gala and Bricks
- Primary fund raiser is the Gorrie Gala. This year will be a 70's theme at the end of March.
- Most of what they purchase is for teachers, staff and students. They fund teacher writing and training, money to art and music, the M.A.G.I.C. program and the strings

program.

- Working on this year (goals) - continue work on the coliseum sound system and acoustics, and drainage issues. Continue to refurbish the playground, window coverings for the K and Media Center.
- All are welcome to attend their monthly meetings.
- Murals in the cafeteria were funded through the foundation.
- Welcome any donations for the string program.

New Business

Upcoming Events -

Sept 24. Gardening club meets

Sept. 28 - new parent coffee

Oct. 7 -RIF distribution - volunteers still needed

Oct. 20 - Conference night

Oct 24-28 - Book Fair - volunteers needed. Extended hours Friday during the Fall Festival.

Oct. 28 - Fall Festival - 5:50-7:30

Nov. 4 - Walk-A-Thon 8:15 - 10:15

Nov. 17 - Great American Teach-In

Jan 27 - Golf Tournament 12:00 lunch 1:00 Tee-Off

All Committee chairs can be found on the contact us page at mygorrie.com

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm by Janice Rickert