

Minutes of  
The Brinson Memorial Elementary School PTA  
General Membership Meeting

January 2017

PTA President Jennifer Bertling called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. 10 PTA members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Secretary Anne Morini gave few minutes so everyone had time to review Septembers meeting minutes. There were no changes or corrections. All of the meeting minutes are linked on PTA's website.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Amy Miller. This included \$5000 that has been donated to Project Playground. We have 3 pending teacher stipends. PTA would like 1 more person to be on the audit committee to look over the quickbook reports. Audit committee consists of about 10 minutes each month and about 2 hours at the end of the year. No financial background is needed, just basic checkbook skills.

Vice President Marie Mynster stated the Membership Report is current at 154 members.

Marie Mynster reviewed the Project Playground Committee efforts. The Officer Spouses Club now gives their grants once a year vs. twice. They are holding our application and will review it in the fall. In December we sent a grant application into the hospital. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade playground area is next on the refurbishment list. The Kindergarten bench is here and will be installed with trader co. weather permitting. The sail cloth was taken down for the winter and is stored in a tote in the office. This spring/fall new hardware will be looked into for the sail cloth. A ribbon cutting ceremony was discussed and needs to be planned for Spring.

Support/ HUG committee reminds us to remember to sign in and out when we come to volunteer at school. \$970 was raised for Brinson in fall box tops. We came in 5<sup>th</sup> place in our area. Average is \$300 and our goal is \$1000.

Bowling Night was discussed. A vote was taken on dates: 6 - Tues Jan 31, 4 - Weds Feb 1. Jennifer will print flyers and make arrangements for Bowling night 4-8pm at Strike Zone.

Bingo Night was discussed. A vote was taken on dates: 8 - Thurs Mar 2, 2 - Fri Mar 3. Anne discussed the business sponsorship and will get a donation letter sent out to the committee. We want to have raffle prizes in earlier this year so we can take photos and advertise the prizes in advance. We raised \$1638 last year and feel we could make much more on raffle ticket sales if we advertised them more and perhaps had presale chances. Our goal is to raise \$2400 to cover the schools Brain Pop subscription.

Nominating Committee is needed for next years PTA Board. We'd like to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP or a 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary to help with communications & correspondence.

Other items:

Coffee and conversation will meet at 8:15 Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at Bojangles.

President Bertling remarked on the culture that is changing. We (PTA) want to try different things based on the needs and situation of our school. Really look at how we are using our time and can get the most out of our effort for the students. Discussions held at PTA are intended to be a welcoming open forum. We all think of different things and need to work together especially on communication. She encourages parents to pick up the phone and work with the principal or your child's teacher when things come up or if you have questions. She looked at the schools action plan online and encourages us all to do so. Vice Principal Morgan stated that the school is using a different platform this year.

The book room was discussed. Mrs. Morgan explained the checkout system being that A-J books may take 2 days to read and upper J-O books take a week. P-Z books take longer, sometimes a month. There is a good amount of upper level books. Lower level books are needed. There is some Title 1 money to order more. There was discussion on publishing companies that the school can use to purchase through.

Discussion on a PTA sponsored workshop was discussed for the teachers. The school liked Beth White that came a few years ago.

Grant writing came up and parents were wondering who at the school has written grants and if that may be a potential support from PTA. Mrs. Apple, Mrs. David and Ms. Edwards write grants and have been awarded some but we know there are more and there are parents who have helped write grants too.

President Bertling thanked all for coming. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Recording Secretary