

2008-2009 Heritage Heights PTA
Meeting Summary
August 18, 2009 6:30pm

Attendance: Jennifer Bogart, Tia Phelps, Christy Szurlej, Patti Merrifield, Julia Nowak, Michelle O'Brien, Monica McDowell, Scott Wolf

Goals: How can we as a PTA make our school a better place?

Budget: We are starting the year in the negative, so as a PTA we need to focus on fundraising, if anyone has any ideas for new fundraising idea please feel free to pass them on.

*Just as a reminder when making a PTA purchase always buy using a tax-exempt form.

Scheduled events for upcoming school year:

- **Back to School Night:** tables set up for member registration and sign-up for volunteers need.
- **Back to School Campfire & Chicken BBQ:** Scheduled September 26th 5:30pm, Don Russo and Julia Nowak are event Coordinators. We are in need of volunteers to help with set-up inside and out as well as volunteers to help sell snow cones and popcorn.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** Kick off is set for September 12th. (Don Russo- coordinator)

Membership: A table will be set up at Back to school night as well as information being sent home to join the PTA. This year looking for couples to register (\$5 individually, \$10 couple). Set a goal to register 200 people. Last year only registered 130. Looking to offer some incentives of being a member at events offered at the school.

Fundraising Ideas:

- **Target:** If making purchase at Target with their credit card they offer a program where you make have a percentage of your purchase go to Heritage.
- **Box Tops:** Last year raise \$295 from Webkinz incentive, looking to implement something like that again.
- **Family Cookbook:** Maybe having families submit favorite recipes and putting together in a book for purchase. It my help bring school communities together. Looking to sell in spring around Mother's Day possible price of \$5.00.
- **Machine Rentals:** Looking to rent out the snow cone and popcorn machine purchased last year. Rental information will be placed on the PTA bulletin board outside office.
- **School Wear:** the sale of t-shirts and sweatshirt with both the Heritage Height and Sweet Home Logos., and possible holding raffle to help establish a logo.

Meeting Format: Need something to help parents with babysitting issue. Would like trying to get Youth Volunteers from Participations in Government or Amherst Youth Outreach. Ideas for children activities: movies, homework help, open gym.

Need ideas for Presentations. Kathy Miller-Amherst Youth Outreach was a big success. Ideas for October included asking Kathy Miller come in and talk about Bullying and Anger Management, possibility of having sessions that rotate.

PTA Bulletin Board: Placed outside office. Needs to be updated and will have all upcoming events posted

Corresponding Secretary: Shari Ciminella, needs to be given any information especially all information that requires thank you notes.

Open Positions: Event Coordinator positions still open are Reflections Program Coordinator (Julia Nowak volunteered to do this), Literacy and Visual Arts & Spaghetti Dinner and End of the Year Picnic. If you know anyone interested or are interested yourself please contact Jennifer Bogart PTA president.

Next Meeting

**Monday September 15,2008 at 6:30pm
Heritage Heights Library**