

Minutes of the November 30th, 2009 PTA Meeting

Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

The meeting commenced at 7:03pm in the Tesago library and the following people were in attendance:

Sherrill Brown	Beth Silaika	Meridith Haskins	Stephanie Dobo	Debora Clark	Robin Lamb
Melinda Teter	April Kohler	Samantha Yattaw	Lisa Mrieckowski	Pam Karathomas	Lisa McCarthy
Jennifer Landers	Sharon Bowles	Jill VanDusen	Chris Meagher	Stephanie Dobo	Meredith Haskins
Kathleen McCarty	Greg Pace				

Items discussed:

<p>Sharon Bowles Board of Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Appointed new principal for Gowana – Robin Dawins.</u> • Dedication Ceremony – Carry on bell to one room school house. • Fiscal Budget – Possible mid year cuts. Continuing to monitor and discuss with elected officials to express views.
<p>Beth Silaika <i>PTA President</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been relatively quiet. The first Movie Night was held and was successful. • Holiday Extravaganza – was held and was extremely successful. • December 21st is the next PTA Meeting. • Teachers breakfast was held last week. • Picture re-takes will be held on November 24th.
<p>Robin Lamb</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Newsletter is ready to go. Having difficulty getting it into the office. Suggestions made on what might need to be done so that the Tesago office receives it. • Odyssey of the Mind – we still don't have anyone to head up this committee. • How have we solicited volunteers ~ we've used newsletters, people may not really be aware of what this committee is about, perhaps put a notice up on the Bulletin Board? • Website has been revamped. Inquired as to whether or not anyone has had difficulty navigating. Do we need to password protect forms? • Reflections programs – 1st phase is complete. We will be announcing in January.

Meredith Haskins Chairperson- Holiday Extravaganza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crafters and vendors will probably be intermingled together at the Holiday Extravaganza in 2010. This year we had them separated. • Raffles, etc. will be held in lobby. • Having difficulty getting people to come to the function. • Meredith advised she looked into possibly getting a sign for next year – cost would be approximately \$275 for 3 days. This year we did advertise the Holiday Extravaganza in the Times Union and on Craigs List. • Cash For Gold – for other parties – get an additional \$50 for each party. • Discussed how the communication may not be getting out there as we now have paperless environment. Are people really going out to website? Can we get paper copies to go home about these events? Beth Silaika will talk with Mr. Pace about getting paper notices out. Perhaps for the next movie night we can send something out?
Toni Morrelli Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is requesting that if one of the budget lines don't match, please email Tony. • Principal's Discretionary Fund ~ Mr. Pace is going to use account within the district. We reviewed and discussed briefly (to remind everyone) that Mr. Pace receives checks and is having difficulty depositing. Was discussed how these checks are really not for the PTA to use as we want. If the checks are going into our account, then it's the PTA's, but if it goes into Mr. Pace's account then the funds are not the PTA's.
Stephanie Dobo Arts & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 1st & 2nd ~ Days Gone By • Cohoes Music Hall ~ Beauty and the Beast • Brian Chevalier – Grades 1 – 4 ~ How the Turtle got his shell. • Was suggested perhaps have an art contest to create a CD Cover for a CD of songs with Brian Chevalier. We would need a plan and volunteers to replicate cd's. • Ceramic Plates – Suggestion made to do something like this for Spring Fundraiser? • Yankee Candles – Suggestion made to do something like this for Fall Fundraiser?
Sherrill Brown Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from last PTA minutes were placed out on Website as well after Mr. Pace granted approval.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Program ~ 20 bags to come back in. Can start in kindergarten. Look into Funds/grants. A lot of pre-schoolers participating as well. Some books out there that say they are back and they aren't. • BoxTops ~ we've received a lot. • Campbell's Labels ~ we've received a lot as well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Sherrill Brown
 Tesago PTA Secretary

**Tesago Elementary PTA
Treasurers Report
For the period July 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009**

	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Budget Variance Over/(Under)
REVENUE			
Fundraisers:			
Fundraisers	\$8,000.00	\$5,526.03	\$(2,474)
Holiday Extravaganza	\$1,200.00	\$2,188.08	\$988
<i>Subtotal Fundraisers</i>	<u>\$9,200.00</u>	<u>\$7,714.11</u>	<u>\$(1,486)</u>
Contributions	\$750.00	\$9.00	\$(741)
Other Revenue Producing Activities:			
Almost March Madness	\$500.00	\$-	\$(500)
BBQ - School Picnic	\$200.00	\$461.50	\$262
Box Tops	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$(2,000)
Hannaford Helps Schools Program	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$(400)
Ice Cream Social	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$(300)
Membership	\$750.00	\$1,154.00	\$404
Movie Night	\$500.00	\$52.73	\$(447)
Pictures	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$(1,800)
School Supplies	\$0.00	-\$2,292.53	\$(2,293)
Spring Fling - Carnival	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$(1,500)
Sportswear Sale	\$500.00	\$4,006.00	\$3,506
<i>Subtotal Other Revenue</i>	<u>\$8,450.00</u>	<u>\$3,381.70</u>	<u>\$(5,068)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE (Net)	<u>\$18,400.00</u>	<u>\$11,104.81</u>	<u>\$(7,295)</u>

EXPENSES			
Programs:			
Arts in Education	\$15,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$(13,700)
Birthday Board / Ice cream	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
DARE	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Discovery Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-
Drama Club	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$(500)
End of Year Picnic	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$(750)
Fall Family Fun Night	\$500.00	-\$922.38	\$(1,422)
Field Days	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)
Fifth grade activities	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$(100)
Fifth Grade moving up gift	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$(500)
Founders Day Dinner	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$(210)
Healthy Steps Program	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Hospitality and Promotion and Goodwill	\$400.00	\$40.00	\$(360)
Kindergarten Orientation	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$(50)
Legos	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)
Lifetime Achievement	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$(180)
Odyssey of the Mind	\$360.00	\$350.00	\$(10)
1000 Book Club	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$(300)
PARP	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)
Principals Discretionary Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Prior Year Expenses	\$0.00	-\$544.47	\$(544)
Reflections	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Scholarship Award	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$(750)
Shen Inventors	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$(200)
Staff Appreciation	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$(350)
Sunshine Club	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$-
Teachers Fund - Book Fair	\$100.00	\$41.96	\$(58)
Teachers Fund - Other	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$(825)
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$(1,000)
<i>Subtotal Program Expense</i>	<u>\$26,025.00</u>	<u>\$1,115.11</u>	<u>\$(24,910)</u>
Administrative:			
Insurance	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$(235)
PTA Administrative Expenses	\$300.00	\$113.56	\$(186)
PTA Council Assessments	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$-
PTA Meetings	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$(490)
PTA Supplies	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$(250)
<i>Subtotal Administrative Expense</i>	<u>\$1,585.00</u>	<u>\$423.56</u>	<u>\$(1,161)</u>

Ending cash balance

Cash Balance Summary	
Beginning Balance @ July 1, 2009	\$22,521.58
Total Revenue for the period (net)	\$11,104.81
Total Expenses for the period (net)	<u>\$1,538.67</u>
<i>Ending Cash Balance</i>	<u>\$32,087.72</u>

Membership Summary	
TESAGO Membership Revenue	\$1,154.00
NYS PTA portion of dues collected	\$980.00
NYS PTA portion of dues remitted	<u>\$980.00</u>
<i>Total Membership Revenue</i>	<u>\$1,154.00</u>