

## Minutes of the December 9, 2010 PTA Meeting

### Tesago Elementary School Shenendehowa Central School District

**The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm in the Library and the following people were in attendance:**

Robin Lamb	Beth Silaika	Sherrill Brown	Katie O'Brien	Chris Meagher	Margarita Zacher
Greg Pace	Samantha Yattaw	Mary Wiggins	Jen Landers	April Kohler	Stephanie Goodman
Jen Pfaffenbach-Hicks					

Items discussed:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Wiggins was present.</li> <li>Enrollment projections will be down slightly.</li> <li>Negotiations and budget discussions are underway. Discussion also involves the indecision on state as to cuts, etc. and reallocating money.</li> <li>January 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) is the next Community discussion</li> <li>High School Presentation on Student was a job well done.</li> <li>Movie Maker presentation from Orenda was fabulous.</li> </ul>
<b>Mr. Pace</b> Tesago Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 4<sup>th</sup> – PARP – from 6 to 7 p.m. for K-2.</li> <li>December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fundraising Assembly</li> <li>December 20<sup>th</sup> – Orchestra Concert for building</li> <li>December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sing along for building.</li> <li>Wanda Oster's last day is December 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>December 8<sup>th</sup> was Chorus Concert</li> <li>Mr. Pace will be out of building for a few days. Reminded everyone to give staff and himself at least 24 hours to return calls, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Beth Silaika</b> <b>President</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March Madness will now be "Shen All In" – was formerly March Madness. Needed to change name. We will now need to purchase new t-shirts, new banners and new pompoms due to change. Will be held on separate nights – separate games.</li> <li>Beth advised that a sheet will go home with students to order tickets and shirts.</li> <li>8 elementary schools will be participating.</li> <li>Volunteers are still needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Robin Lamb</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PARP – will be a 3 month event (Jan, Feb, &amp; March) each month will have a special event</li> <li>January 4<sup>th</sup> for K-2 PJ story night with Diane Payette</li> <li>February Battle of the Books</li> <li>March Family Library Night</li> </ul>
<b>Sherrill Brown</b> <b>Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes are in review. Once approval has been made will be placed out on website.</li> </ul>

<b>Margarita Zacher</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Christmas Carol – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students went to Cohoes Music Hall on December 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Jack &amp; The Beanstalk – February 28<sup>th</sup> performed by Lake George Opera for all grades</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny Pfaffenbach-Hicks – advised that Jenny, Pam, Vidia and Evelyn met regarding the 2011 Spring Carnival. They divided responsibilities. Pam will be doing tickets and another project, Jenny Pfaffenbach-Hicks will be handling the cafeteria, and Steve will be making games.</li> <li>• Because of paperless environment – discussion around how to get notification out regarding the Spring Carnival. Could teachers place in a newsletter and maybe send a note home?</li> <li>• Greg Pace suggested sending it through SIS. Mary Wiggins suggested get the communication out there via SIS and the note/flyer, etc.</li> <li>• Jenny inquired as to whether or not there was storage for games. They are looking to make games for 2011 Spring Carnival as opposed to renting them. Greg Pace advised there is no room within School to store the games and/or items from the Monster Mash. Mary Wiggins also mentioned with these items to be very careful with fire codes.</li> <li>• Jenny inquired as to purchasing a shed – Greg Pace advised no. In order to purchase a shed it has to go through State Education approval and that can take years.</li> <li>• Beth Silaika offered a portion of their garage to store for a period of time.</li> <li>• Jenny advised that prizes will be purchased through Oriental Trading Company.</li> <li>• Pam – do something new to take a photo and make a magnet. Evelyn has a connection for this.</li> <li>• Yo Paper Distribution – youngest child in family can send home a flyer. Greg Pace advised one flyer.</li> <li>• Volunteers – ½ sheet for Volunteers and shift times will go home for signing up.</li> </ul>
<b>Jen Landers Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherrill Brown motioned for December 2010 Treasurers Report/Budget to be accepted.</li> <li>• Stephanie Goodman made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.</li> <li>• Treasurer’s report/budget passed.</li> </ul>

**The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**  
**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**  
Sherrill Brown, Tesago PTA Secretary