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Army Trail PTA Meeting **Army Trail School Library** **December 9, 2009 6:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Amanda Tate, Bob Pape, Lou Schullo, Juan Canchola, Iris Rodriguez

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes from the November 11 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: there is \$4,874 currently on hand

Principal's Report: Parent University had good attendance for the Elementary sessions, not as good in the middle & high school sessions, something to work on for next year. Parent Teacher conferences were held, Holiday Shop was a great success. Character Counts Assembly last week and a Character Counts luncheon was held on 12/7 for the first two pillars of success.

Teacher Representatives Report, Juan Canchola – Student Council is requesting the PTA pay for 1-3 buses at \$150 each for the Chicago Wolves reading program participants trip in January. This was voted on (the next day) and approved. Half of the expense will come from our “Gift to School” and “Miscellaneous” budget items.

New Business:

- **Yearbooks** – Bob Pape – Sample book was passed around, Lifetouch can put these together for us. We will offer a pre-sale on these which will guarantee a yearbook, and also we will order a few extra yearbooks for those who did not pre-order to be able to purchase, while supplies last, at a slightly higher cost (to help cover us in the extra order). Our Treasurer, Iris Rodriguez will chair this.
- **Winter Parties** – Snacks discussed, Amanda Tate will coordinate the snack & juice purchase. Books are on the way, most have arrived. Conversations around wrapping the book gifts resulted in a decision to start with Kindergarten & work up from there.
- **Coyote/Geese** – Gale Stafford – A coyote statue has proven useful in keeping geese off the grounds at other schools. Cost of the statue/decoy is \$50. This was voted on & approved for purchase as a Beautification expense.
- **Membership update** – currently we have 157 PTA members.
- **No-Cook Nights** – Garibaldi's is all set for 1/11 where they will provide 20% back to the school.
- **Create-A-Storybook Night** – will be held in January. It was decided to serve hot chocolate @ no additional charge & charge \$3 per child/per book.
- **Valentine's Sock Hop** – this did not seem a feasible event at this time, it was decided to sell Candy Grams to the students during Valentine's week instead. These will be notes with a piece of candy that can be purchased & sent to friends and staff members around the building, not just within a classroom. Purchased Candy Grams will be delivered to the classrooms by the PTA .

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- **Early Spring Fundraiser** – this was discussed & it was decided to do something smaller & explore selling Y-Ties or Scented Bookmarks to the students.
- **Winter Musical/PTA** – A formal PTA meeting will not be held at the musical because our monthly meetings are open to all who wish to attend. We would like to say a few words of thanks & encouragement to participate. Amanda will handle getting a gift for Mrs. Kargl.

Old Business:

- **Holiday Breakfast/Santa Shop** – This event was a great success! Many families came through to shop, visit Santa, and enjoy some donuts & drinks. Mrs. Romero donated an inflatable snowman to have outside for the event drawing more traffic in.
- **Coyote/Geese** – A few options for purchasing the coyote were passed around & a coyote decoy was chosen to be purchased from Gander Mountain. There are not any geese around right now, so this purchase will be made in the near future.

7:52 p.m. meeting was adjourned.