

Brussels American School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization John F. Kennedylaan 12 1960 Sterrebeek, Belgium

BAS PTSO GENERAL MEETING

Attendees:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary,

VP Ways&Means,Box Tops,VP Programming, SCA Representative, SLO, Membership, Hospitality, Publicity, Snack Shack, International Dinner, Faculty VP, Faculty VP, 4 Visitors

The meeting was called to order at 3:25pm.

A motion was made to accept the January minutes as written, motion was seconded, motion was passed.

President-Thank you for a great BINGO night, a profit of over \$800.00, MUN made over \$300.00 and Tombola sold \$400.00 in tombola ticket sales.

Game coordinator- requested about \$200.00 for new games. The donation box was full of a variety of games used and new. The group suggested that the donated games go through a trial period to see how the elementary students receive them. It was also suggested volunteers would be needed to assist the students in selecting, setting up and putting the games away. Request was tabled for the time being.

Parent- proposed the idea of a WELCOME COMMIITTEE.

She is currently working with community members and office staff to work with new parents as they arrive to BAS. Many voiced the need for this committee as their welcomes to BAS were poor. SLO explained "The Student to Student" program (army sponsored) geared for grades 6-12. They will be up and running shortly. The counselor and the SLO will be meeting later in February to see about protocol and other details to include. A parent offered to head this start up committee details will be presented at the next PTSO meeting March 3rd. A motion was made to for two co chairs- to start up and organize the Welcome PTSO Ambassador Committee. The motion was seconded, motion was passed.

Other options were discussed towards getting PTSO information to the stakeholdersperhaps a PTSO newsletter however most felt the word is out there between the BAS website and the DB.

VICE PRESIDENT- NO REPORT

TREASURER-A motion was made to pass the February 3rd financial statement, motion was seconded, and motion was passed. The Treasurer again emphasized that if you have not filled out a form, signed with a receipt you will not be reimbursed. The forms can be left in the PTSO mailbox or the snack shack drawer. This position will be available for the 2010-2011 PTSO Board.

It was suggested that a fire proof box/safe be purchased for the snack shack. The motion was seconded, motion was passed. Another suggestion was that two people be put on the account to assist with snack shack deposits. A motion was made that the new Snack

Shack (2010-2011) committee split the job with the treasurer in making the snack shack deposits, motion was seconded, and motion was passed.

SECRETARY- NO REPORT

VP WAYS & MEANS-NO REPORT

VP PROGRAMMING-In March, we will be sponsoring an artist from Ireland, the artist will present at elementary, MS and HS, cost is 200 Euros

FACULTY VP- Presented FOTA Updates

- 23 February-Shape Woodwind Quartet
- 3 March-USAFE band-entire school assembly
- 11 March evening concert featuring school bands and High School choir 7:30pm
- 19 March HS Drama production of Salvation Nell
- 28 March-April 2-Honors Music Festival

After school choir is meeting once again and looking for 4th -8th grade participants.

Art Club-8th grade Wednesday-3:00-4:30

Original Works flyers will go home on 11 FEB.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND-27th March is the competition

24 Feb they will have a presentation from 1230-110

READ-A-THON starts the end of February- Families will make pledges, money raised will go towards supporting reading counts in grades K-5.

SCA REPRESENTATIVE- Student talked about upcoming field day (June), second spirit week and pep rally.

PTSO Advisor- He promoted the upcoming pep assembly and encouraged the dress up days

SLO-Reminded the group of "tutor.com"

MEMBERSHIP-One new member has been added at a prorated rate. This position will be available for the 2010-2011 PTSO Board.

HOSPITAILITY-Thank you for the BINGO and all of the contributions, not just food but the setting up, cleaning up and cooking. January treat for the teachers was a complementary spaghetti dinner on BINGO night. The February teacher treat will be sweets, an invitation to the International Mystery Night and two tombola tickets. A request will be going out to feed the NATO Band prior to the International Evening. A request was made to supply breakfast and lunch during the school's QAR visit. The date requested was Tuesday April 27th.

SCHOLASTIC- There are post office problems and the books are not ordered.

BOX TOPS-Moving along!!

PUBLICITY-Requested a list of items for upcoming DB's

SNACK SHACK-Replacements are in place for the 2010-2011 SY

INTERNATIONAL DINNER- Invitations have been mailed, website is available, and if guests are coming information is needed ASAP to get access at the gate, watch the DB for specific times for ticket and tombola sales. Volunteers are still needed. Silent auction is looking for donations. Club Beyond will provide on site babysitting up to 35 kids.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45. Next meeting 10, March, 2010.