



**Brussels American School
Parent-Teacher-Student Organization
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BAS PTSO GENERAL MEETING January 5, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

A motion was made to accept the December minutes as written; motion was seconded and motion was passed.

PRESIDENT - Thanks to the Committee Chair and all of the volunteers for Winter Wonderland and to the Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair and her helpers for the cookies.

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The BAS Educational Tech, submitted a monetary request in the amount of \$ 232.75 for keyboard covers for his students, to assist them in learning keyboarding. A motion was made to approve the request, was seconded, and passed.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - The Brussels USAG Volunteer gave a presentation on how to enter volunteer hours and the value it brings to the community, not only by what gets accomplished, but also by monetarily offsetting budget cuts during austerity funding. In addition, she left nomination forms for the Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Ceremony that will take place on April 28, 2011 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

VP WAYS & MEANS, VICE PRESIDENT, and HOSPITALITY - (Reports were combined, due to illness.)

PTSO Family Event Bingo Night is January 21st at 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner will be served and there are prizes for all ages. You need to sign up with the RSVP form and come dressed in Toy Story (cowboy) attire. There is a sign-up sheet to bring things and for set-up and clean-up crew.

The Spring Fundraiser is set for March 12th. Need help soliciting donations for the Silent Auction from local merchants and U.S. companies. The Vice President has a letter for tax purposes if required. Also if have unused items in your closet you would like to donate, that is fine.

SNACK SHACK - Snack Shack needs substitute volunteers, plus shopping volunteers.

TREASURER - Submitted budget as of 05 January 2011. Winter Wonderland made about \$1300 profit. Snack Shack and school supplies should break even. This year we will have lots of school supplies left (but they can be used next year).

SECRETARY - No report.

VP PROGRAMMING - The visiting artist will come back in February. The poet rapper will also be here in February. The Band Director is in charge of the band Exit Brass visit. The storyteller will be here in May.

SCA REP - January 8 is the Winter Formal. The Junior Class is interested in selling drinks at Bingo Night.

TEACHER APPRECIATION - This month will have Coffee and Tea in mid-January. Would appreciate donation of Senseo coffee pads.

FOTA - Two BAS students are going to the Jazz Seminar in Italy on March 18th. The poinsettia sale made about \$150 profit and provided a beautiful backdrop for the Christmas Concert.

Raided a costume warehouse for both plays and there is no charge. The PTSO e-news will have a list of other items needed for the plays; paint is especially needed (leftover is fine). The shows are kid-friendly and the performances are as follows:

March 18 (Middle/High School) Once Upon A Mattress 7 p.m.

March 31 (Elementary) Sleeping Beauty 1:45 p.m. (for students at school)

April 1 (Elementary) Sleeping Beauty

PUBLICITY - No report.

SCHOLARSHIP - No report.

MEMBERSHIP - Have the final list of Senior members.

SCHOLASTIC - Had a few orders that didn't come, but this is being resolved.

PARENT AMBASSADOR - No new families.

SLO - Getting childcare arrangements for the Spring Fundraiser. Please inform her of dates for the Community Calendar.

FACULTY VP - No report.

PTSO ADVISOR - No report.

BOX TOPS - No report.

A call was made for new business. No new business.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 3:25 p.m. in the Library.