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- A. Called Meeting to Order @ 7:14 p.m.
- B. Presentation of Flags- Webelos Troop
- C. Welcome & Introduction of PTA Board and Committee Chairpersons by Rob Wright
- D. Approval of May 8, 2008 PTA meeting minutes: 1st Motion- Jay Loegering, 2nd-Bren Mileson
- E. Principal Report
 - a. Mrs. Strow reported that the first week of school went well and she is becoming acquainted with new students and their families. She provided updates about new lights in hallway and the upcoming purchase of smart boards with PTA funds. A check for \$42,000 will be written to TPS gifts and endowments for technology, specifically, 13 internet connected smart boards.
 - b. Mrs. Strow provided reminders and information for new families, specifically
 - Fridays are red spirit shirt day
 - She sends an email summarizing the following week at EIS on Fridays (reduces volume of email overall).
 - Cafeteria now offers fruit and veggie bar as well as ala carte menu. Parents can notify the cafeteria of any preferences regarding chip/ice cream purchases. (For example ice cream permission only on Fridays).
 - Student handbooks were distributed. Handbook is a working document. Can add helpful information at any time.
- F. Officer Report
 - a. Treasurer Report
 1. Review of June 2008 financials: Out-going treasurer, Blake Johnson, discussed June 2008 budget. June 2008 total asset value was \$67676.84. Library has its own operating account runs through PTA treasurer.
 2. Reapprove 2008-2009 Budget- Blake reports that the only difference in proposed budget since budget approval last spring is that the \$7000 expense for repairing security system needs moved to the current year. The security system was damaged last spring by a lightning strike at the school. It was originally approved for the 2007-2008 school year but payment was postponed until job was satisfactorily completed. A motion was made for approval by Allison Geary, 2nd by Steve Heinen. A vote approving new budget by unit was not taken.
 - b. President Report
 1. Back to school FAQ- Rob Wright reported that questions can be emailed to the board. Christy Blystone provided a FAQ handout and mentioned another one would be sent with home and back folders. Reminder provided to refer to student handbook as well.
 2. Innisbrook Sales begin August 25, 2008- Rob Wright reports that this is the key fall fundraiser for the PTA operating budget for the school year. Last year catalog sales raised ~ 12,000 for school. Innisbrook Chair- Bren Mileson reports: Kick off assembly for kids Monday. Incentives for top sellers include limousine ride. Order form entry now computerized for added convenience. Fifty percent of purchases return as profit to school.
 3. Skatenight is a PTA membership drive held Monday 8/18 from 6-8 pm @ Skateland.
 4. Eisenhower night at Chili's will not be this month. Currently scheduled for 10/18.
 - c. Cub Scouting- Pack 318, PTA sponsored, meets Tuesday evenings. Is for boys in 1-5 grades. Rally night will be August 25th.
 - d. 1st Vice President Report. Jennifer Seely reports for 2nd vice president, Dana Drummond, in her absence.

1. Volunteer sign up forms in back of gym. Spirit shirt chair and Spring Fling Chairs are still open, needing filled.
 2. Pam Tillman- home and back folder organizer needs help Friday at 1:15 stuffing take home folders.
 3. Strategic planning update: Small groups met last spring. Survey open until Friday, August 15th. Response of 235 people so far. Can contact Dana Drummond if prefer not to complete by email. Next step will be working on plan development.
- e. Jennifer Seely also provides 1st Vice report:
1. School supplies now here, aside from glue. Problems with Sam's order caused delay.
 2. Return master order form ASAP for quick completion of directory. Directory information on one side of form. Master PTA order for directories and membership on other side. Jennifer requests that forms are returned even if you do not want information shared in directory. You can opt out of the PTA directory. Return form with "do not publish" request on it so that it is understood that you received information. Reminder was also made that PTA and office are not able to share information so please provide updates to both office and PTA.
 3. "Constant Contact" Communication: Weekly emails from PTA will be made to consolidate emails home. You can send information (ex. Fundraiser or PTA event information) that needs distributing or questions/comments to board @ EISPTA@yahoo.com. Jennifer report that ~96% of EIS families have access to email communication. Class will still use yahoo groups for class communication. Mrs. Strow reminds unit to use discretion when using yahoo group email. Ethical conduct and common sense should be utilized to protect student privacy. Jennifer reminded unit that yahoo class groups are private and you should not be able to find groups with search. Jennifer mentioned you can only access by PTA "invitation" or "add" command by PTA yahoo group moderator. Must "join" with a user id and password to access all features such as calendar. System is free. If requesting membership with alternative email address you need to let moderator know reason for request and relationship to class/specific child or will be denied access for student safety.
- f. Delegate Report- no report
- G. Committee Chairs/Affiliate Reports
- a. Kim Hutton discusses 3rd Wisenhower Trivia Night-September 19th, 2008 to be held at Blue Dome roadhouse. Adult only event featuring 8 rounds of trivia, optional Mexican dinner before Trivia. Tickets are \$15 for trivia and \$10 for dinner. Room for 200 people, in tables of 10. Dessert Auction Coordinators are Jennifer Cook and Karen Bruns. Event will also have a 50/50 raffle and auction "Taste of Tulsa" restaurant bundle and a Hareweldon mansion getaway. Kim also mentioned the spring Fiestavale committee remains open, seeking new committee members and help. Planning will start soon.
 - b. Steve Heinen discusses EIS Foundation. He reports it is a non-profit organization with the purpose of long-term savings and endowments for EIS projects. The Foundation is able to utilize grants. Donations to foundation are tax exempt and can be restricted or earmarked for purpose. Membership is open not only to all EIS past and present families but to businesses and community. EIS requests can overlap between PTA and Foundation. PTA spending is limited to short term, immediate focus due to bylaws prohibiting long-term savings.
- H. Announcements-
- a. Melanie Falling makes an announcement about a mother's prayer group. Contact her if more information is desired. This group is not affiliated with TPS.
 - b. Gray Strickland reports that Spades night will be repeated this year after Trivia night but before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Strow added that these school-wide "fun"raisers, as well as the French and Spanish shared humanities classes and lunch tables have done great things to unify the school and desegregate French and Spanish sections.
- I. Adjournment. Jay Loughering motioned to adjourn and second provided by Steve Heinen. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Porter