

Don Riggio School PTSA  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 28, 2006

**Board Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Shelley Spessard, Linda Payne, Nina O'Regan, Karyn Johnson, Tatiana Wheeler, Maria Johnston, Eileen Camfield, Lydia Fox, Dana Kennedy, Kristen Messer, Diane Dyer, Chris Heim, Amy Sandoval, Jamie Gonzales, Amber Amestoy, Joanne Smith, Angie Andrews, Joan Calonico, Heidi Orihuela, Kelly Sandstrom, Deborah Alexander, Amy Miller, Lana Best, Monica Giottonini, Kim Lilienthal

**Welcome:** President Shelley Spessard called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m. in the Band Room at Don Riggio School, and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes:** The August 24, 2006 meeting summary was approved as presented.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report is attached. Linda Payne moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Eileen Camfield seconded. **Adopted**

Linda Payne moved to approve payment of bills and ratified expenses as listed on the Treasurer's report, Eileen Camfield seconded.

**Adopted**

Principal Joan Calonico talked about the upcoming Lincoln Education Foundation fundraiser "Oktoberfest". It was agreed that Don Riggio parents would provide a music themed gift basket for the silent auction.

President Spessard reported on the mini-convention she attended with Starr Goforth. They took classes on presidential procedures and team building.

President Spessard talked about Dr. Lowder's request that PTSA members play a more active role in helping students academically.

President Spessard advised that one of the 'Ways and Means' officers has resigned. Kimbra Chapman has volunteered for the position. Joanne Smith moved to appoint Kimbra Chapman "Ways and Means' officer, Chris Heim seconded. **Adopted**

President Spessard introduced Maria Johnston as the Fall Carnival chair. Maria gave an update on preparations for the carnival. It was agreed that P.T.S.A. members will receive 10 free carnival tickets. Four tickets will be required to enter the haunted house. Maria advised that Connie Christine will provide the music at the carnival at no charge.

**Bylaw Committee:** Kristen Messer passed out a copy of the ByLaws changes. She clarified that the increase in dues from \$5 to \$6 will legally take effect when it is approved by the state PTSA but will be introduced at Don Riggio at the beginning of the next school year. Lydia Fox moved to accept the Bylaws changes as presented, Eileen Camfield seconded. **Adopted**

President Spessard requested the release of an extra \$100 for safety kits. If we order one more kit we get a price break on all the kits we order.

Lydia Fox moved to release up to \$100 from 'classroom enrichment' for the purchase of another safety kit, Linda Payne seconded.

**Adopted**

**Activities Committee:** Eileen Camfield advised that the Faculty Talent Show will be held on November 16 at 7 p.m. If twelve or more acts sign up the show will start at 6:30 p.m.

Chris Heim is working on organizing pizza night.

Angie Andrews and Kimbra Chapman will organize treat of the week but will need volunteers.

Principal Calonico talked about recognizing the class with the highest number of students wearing spirit wear on a particular day. It was decided to hang a flag outside the classroom door. Amber Amestoy agreed to make flags.

President Spessard adjourned the Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### **Association Meeting**

**Attendees:** Shelley Spessard, Linda Payne, Nina O'Regan, Karyn Johnson, Dana Kennedy, Eileen Camfield, Kristen Messer, Chris Heim, Amy Sandoval, Jamie Gonzales, Amber Amestoy, Kimbra Chapman, Tatiana Wheeler, Diane Dyer, Joanne Smith, Angie Andrews, Joan

Calonico, Judy Gong, Deborah Alexander, Amy Miller, Laura Fulgham, Stephanie Blackman, Julie Bottini, Christina Conner, Beth Horton, John Spooner, Kim Lilienthal,

President Shelley Spessard called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and welcomed everyone.

**Report of the Executive Board:** President Spessard advised the Association members of the items voted on by the Executive Board. Maria Johnston moved to approve payment of ratified expenses, Eileen Camfield seconded. **Adopted**

Linda Payne moved to release \$100 for the purchase of safety kits, Cheryl McClendon seconded. **Adopted**

Maria Johnston moved to release \$500 for expenses relating to the Fall Carnival, Nina O'Regan seconded. **Adopted**

Maria Johnston moved to approve the payment of \$218.41 for the printing of the school directory, funds to be taken from 'photocopy charges', Eileen Camfield seconded. **Adopted**

Angie Andrews moved to approve the payment of \$3,181.86 for spirit wear, Maria Johnston seconded. **Adopted**

**Principal's Report:** Principal Joan Calonico explained that staff is currently working on how to improve the Arts at Don Riggio. She expressed her desire to have more plays throughout the year in addition to our annual school play. These smaller plays would deal with issues such as the social and emotional needs of children.

Principal Calonico talked about the dollar amount needed for each gradespan's field trips for the 2006/2007 school year.

Kindergarten - \$1,200  
Grade 1 and 2 - \$1,400  
Grade 3 - \$1,909  
Grade 4 - \$2,840  
Grade 5 and 6 - \$3,500  
Grade 7 and 8 - \$15,000

Discussion ensued regarding fundraising for the field trips. P.T.S.A. will not have funds available until after the Fall Fundraiser and Fall Carnival. In the meantime, teachers can begin to fundraise after

October 9. It was suggested that there be a calendar dedicated to fundraising (staff and P.T.S.A.) in order to keep track of who is doing what type of fundraising and to avoid overlapping.

An item to discuss fundraising ideas will be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

Chris Heim expressed an interest in Direct Donation. It was agreed to put information in the next newsletter to let parents know that this is an option.

Heidi Orihuela, Lincoln Council P.T.A, advised that a Candidates Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in the Don Riggio School multi-use room. Candidates running for positions on the Lincoln Unified School District Board will address questions presented by the community. Ms. Orihuela asked for assistance with refreshments and volunteers to assist with the Forum.

Nina O'Regan moved to release up to \$150 from Hospitality, for refreshments for the Candidate's Forum, Maria Johnston seconded.

**Adopted**

President Spessard talked about the 'Magical Night of Giving' at Weberstown Mall on November 19.

Eileen Camfield talked about the faculty talent show and circulated a volunteer sign-up sheet.

President Spessard advised that Don Riggio's Lead Custodian, Laura Gomez-Miramontes, donated a television to be used in the multi-use room when inclement weather prevents students from being outside. A request will be put in the next newsletter for a dvd player to be used with the television.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:16 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2006, at the Don Riggio School Library.

Submitted by Nina O'Regan.