

Terrasat Elementary School PTA

Minutes of Meeting 9/15/2008

The meeting opened at 6:05pm

Members present: Renee Gilanshah (President), Stephanie Randall (Vice-President), Marsha White (Treasurer), Liz Falcone (Secretary), Kurt Rose, Tammy French, Aimee Minto, Jen Hoh, Pam Sipher, Slavica Milosevic, Tanikie Barrett, Helen Cluff, Koen Van Winckel, Hanne Mescall, Rob Cosgrove, Joyce Carr, Barbara Byron, Lee Altman, Kiris Powell, Gary Powell, Edith DeIR, Zavce Cetu, Emily Strompf, Kevin Strompf, Alison Stobie, Juliet McClellan, Annette Bobby, Leslie Sogandares, Kathy Somer, Azucena Portillo, Traci Waller, Joanna Wheeler, John Coleman, Von Coleman

In attendance: Joan Carter (Assistant Principal, Terraset Elementary School)

1. Welcome: Renee Gilanshah welcomed everyone to the meeting and described the new Boards enthusiasm for continuing the good work of the PTA. The Board has sought direction from the Principal, Ellen Cury, and the Terraset staff, regarding major projects that would benefit from PTA support. A portion of PTA funds will be directed towards these major projects throughout the year.

In addition, the Board is planning to focus on improving communications to ensure ALL members have the best opportunity to know what is going on and how they can help.

2. Previous Minutes: the minutes from meeting of June3, 2008 were reviewed and accepted as accurate. Moved Traci Waller, seconded Liz Falcone.
3. Discussion from the minutes:
 - 3.1. Helen Cluff supported the idea of a Terraset Cookbook and expressed interest in assisting with this fundraiser.
 - 3.2. The concept of a *Terrasat Concert on the Roof* series received general support from the meeting.
 - 3.3. Emily Strompf asked if a Teacher Liaison had been identified and it was confirmed that Leslie Sogandares had agreed to accept this position.
4. IRS Fine: Renee Gilanshah reported that the IRS has levied a \$2300 penalty to Terraset PTA for a late Tax filing. An appeal has been submitted and a decision is expected in mid October.
5. Marsha White presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009. An inconsistency was noted regarding the proposed expenses for the Student Directory. This was identified

as a “line entry” error. The proposed budget was approved (subject to identified error correction.) Moved Barbara Byron, seconded Traci Waller.

6. Volunteer Opportunities: Stephanie Randall reported a number of opportunities for members to volunteer with the PTA and members were encouraged to complete a volunteer form
7. Bingo Night Food Coordinator: Kathy Somer made a plea for volunteers to help as Food co-chair for Bingo Night to be held in November.
8. After School Programs: Leslie Sogandares announced an exciting Fall After School Program list. This will be distributed in the 9/16/08 Tuesday Packet.
9. Electronic Communications: Liz Falcone reported that the Terraset PTA web site has been updated and is now functional. Also, the PTA has been testing Constant Contact for distribution of newsletters. The trial has been successful and this tool will be adopted.
10. New Business:
 - 10.1. Jen Hoh asked the PTA to consider buy out options for big, competitive fundraising events to minimize competition within the family. She suggested prize opportunities should be made available to families that take advantage of the buy out option.
 - 10.2. It was asked whether dates for the major fundraisers have been decided. The meeting was advised dates would be published to the web as soon as they are known.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm