

Stewart Creek PTO
Minutes of the General PTO Meeting
Friday March 5th, 2010 9:30 a.m.

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Angela at 9:39 a.m. and seconded by Stacey McDowell.

Special Guest Report: Jada Mullins, the Montgomery Intermediate principal, spoke to our PTO meeting parents today. She wanted to invite the upcoming fifth grade parents to join the MIS PTO next year. The current president is Shannon Ligon and she joined Jada in the PTO meeting. Jada said that this year their fundraiser for the school was a shopping extravaganza. They had a lot of fun and did really well with it. MIS does a lot of events for the kids during the year. Some events mentioned were; Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, and Grandparents Day. They will need PTO board members for next year and brought forms to pass out to next year's fifth grade parents. The nomination forms for PTO are due on April 23rd. Angela Cook will be attending the MIS meeting and turning in the nomination forms she receives from SCE parents. Jada made sure all understand that her door is always open for parents and to please call or email her if you have any questions.

Secretary's Minutes: The February meeting minutes were reviewed. Melinda made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer noted that about \$30,000 was raised by Gumbo Ya Ya. This was an excellent return for our fundraiser. This brings the current cash balance to \$42,135.57. Yearbooks will be available at the end of the year to purchase if not purchased ahead of time. There were 400 books ordered. If you have any pictures for yearbook, please give them to Tina Jackson.

President's Report: Angela thanked all volunteers for their help with Gumbo Ya Ya. She reminded everyone that "Team Haven" bracelets are available at the front office. These are \$3 a piece and are available in adult and child sizes. The profit made from this will be given to Texas Children's Hospital. The cost of the bracelets has been covered. Stacey said if all purchased bracelets sell, she will be able to give TCH \$1000 dollars from the school. Yearbook ads are due and need to be submitted by CD or email. No new ads can be given anymore. Tina is the only person aware of which children are on the list to not be in the yearbook. March 9th will be spring picture day.

Committee Reports:

**Volunteers* – Stephanie said we are in need of volunteers for book fair next week, spring pictures, and the library. Anyone interested/able please let her know.

**Special Events* – The Morris Brothers will be performing a TAKS rally for third and fourth graders on March 24th. Coming up in April will be Mad Science for second graders.

**Fundraiser* - the Gumbo Ya Ya was a huge success and ran smoothly. Holly thanked everyone for their help. The auctioneer did great. We would like to use him again next year. He called Melinda after the auction to ask how the night went. He also said he would donate his fee to our library and not charge us for his services. We need to decide on a nice thank you gift to send to him for his generosity. Some discussion issues to think about for the next meeting include; should we do one or two fundraisers next year, should we do an online auction, and should we do the raffle items again. Many parents who were not able to attend the fundraiser expressed to others that they would have bid on items if they were able to. Some feel that the raffle items took away from the silent items. It was suggested to maybe do the raffle items at the fun run instead. Parent involvement was good this year. Class baskets looked great. It was suggested to communicate more or in a different way what the fundraiser is, etc. Some parents expressed that they did not feel like they knew much about the fundraiser.

Old Business – none noted.

New Business – in April the nominating committee will be determined to decide on next year's PTO board. The election will be at the May meeting. Please be thinking about what position you might want to take on for next year. The executive board will be a complete turn over next year, all positions will be open.

Adjournment: Marcy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Stacey. Please join us at the next meeting on Thursday, April 1st at 9:30 a.m.