

**Barton Hills Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting
October 9, 2007**

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Review Minutes of Previous Meeting – Mila McCutchen**
The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Mila McCutchen.

Attendees: Rayma Chase, Kati Achtermann, Lisa Myers, Celia Hagert, Becky Pursley, Catherine Dadey, Jamie Kaderli, Lynn Williamson, Sarah Price, Cynthia Nelson, DeAnn Eisenhauer, Mila McCutchen, Ann Taylor, Lisa Kepple

II. Secretary Notes-

Reviewed minutes from August 27, 2007. Sarah Price motioned, Celia Hagert seconded, minutes approved as edited.

III. Treasurer's Report-

DeAnn Eisenhauer reported the BHE T-shirts cost us \$2,670.00, and the Directories cost us \$85.00. The Soarin' Eagle's goal is \$45,000. The income for 2006-07 and 2007-08 so far is about \$24,500.

A vote to declare Carnival a tax-free event was taken. Sarah Price motioned, and Catherine Dadey seconded, motion was approved.

Moved all but \$25 from savings. \$2,500 equity account opened to ensure we always have \$2,500 at end of fiscal year, in compliance with bylaws. Opened two CDs to earn more interest.

Working on amendment to By-laws for TX PTA compliance.

II. Principal's Report-

Kati Achtermann gave thank you for the luncheon a couple of weeks ago.

More events than Carnival coming up. On Halloween, The Biscuit Brothers will be playing for grades K-3. There will be no costumes at school on Halloween, but it will be an Orange and Black Day (students can wear their BHE shirts).

Kati wanted to pass along some parents were offended by the music played at skate night.

Kati, and the Special Area Teachers are working on the Holiday Show. The Holiday Show will be on Thursday, December 6th. May divide grades K-2, and grades 3-5 into two shows. Still deciding on best choice.

Kati reviewed the Strategic Compensation Initiative.

IV. Vice President's Report

Celia Hagert reported that Book Buddies has 39 kids, and 20 volunteers equaling 13hrs/wk. She talked about a survey of parents, and teachers to gather feedback from parents, and teachers about the long range planning for our future. Ms. Cohen from the neighborhood helped develop the survey, and a draft was passed out. Look it over and give input on questions.

Celia also spoke on the Texas Department of Agriculture Urban Agricultural Grant which is a joint project between the Wellness, and Environmental Committees. It is to help

improve urban students' understanding, and appreciation of agriculture. Teachers use hands on projects to enhance science, math and writing programs at their schools.

V. Carnival

Melissa Saucedo reported everything going fine. New booths, a group of 4th Grade fortune tellers will have a booth, and may auction off ET since it's near Halloween. Went all the way down South Lamar to businesses for sponsorships. Some may not make it by October, but that will be alright. Adult wristbands have been added this year for \$15.

Parliamentarian Report

Ann Taylor reported on the update on bylaws.

Motion to appoint Celia Hagert as person to open bank statements passed.

VI. Gift Cards

Lisa Myers announced we will be doing Holiday Gift Cards. Should begin sales on November 8th, orders need to be in by November 20th to get cards by December 13th or 14th. Last year \$660 was made. Have to pay 2.9% for online purchasing, no cost for paper.

VII. Other Business

Mila asked that we are ambassadors for Soarin' Eagle. Make sure parents know participation in the Soarin' Eagle is important not the amount they give. Also, be sure and let them know everything their donation help with.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.