

CWS Parent Association  
Minutes of the January 2009 Meeting

**Attendance:** Chelsea Green, Karla Knockleman, Christine Masur, Tammy Duvall, Amy Wakeman, Nicole Gunderman, Michelle Scwenkner, Jenna Sizemore, Luke Schelly, Saira.

**Discussion of Revised Bylaws:** Chelsea Green presented draft PA Bylaws. She stated that these bylaw revisions were aimed at better describing of the existing PA structure and its activities. Suggested revisions were made and the revised bylaws are to be discussed at the next meeting.

The PA discussed the inclusion of the Craft Guild and Environmental Initiatives Committee under the umbrella of the PA.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karla Knockleman reported that the PA account has increased approximately \$5,000 this school year due to \$1,100 in magazine sales, \$952 in Kroger card sales, \$1,000 from Scrips and \$3,300 from Holiday Faire. She noted that there had been one grant made of \$1,000 for archery equipment. The PA discussed various methods for raising money and the need for volunteers to sell Scrips.

The PA was reminded that 50% of the PA proceeds are to be given to the school to be used for professional development.

PA leadership is considering having a financial review of PA's accounts performed in conjunction with the School's financial review.

**Grandparents Day, May Faire, Teacher Appreciation:** The PA discussed the need for an overall coordinator for each of these events. It discussed an idea for a school-wide faculty gift for the holidays where monetary contributions could be given to a fund and divided equally between all Faculty.

**Visioning Committees:** The PA discussed its role in the Visioning Process both as a possible grantor for financial needs and a pool of volunteers. The group concluded that it would be helpful for all Parent Leads from the Visioning Committees to attend PA meetings and report on the committee activities (or submit a brief report in their absence). There was a brief discussion of child-care needs for visioning activities.

**Open Discussion:** Various topics were discussed including: the hiring of a person to act as a Faire coordinator during the entire school year; interest in a venue for parents to become more familiar with the songs sung during school festivals; using Craft Guild to be more involved in the work of the school including making thank you gifts for visiting families; the possibility of a PA scholarship focused on specific grade level/diversity needs.

Next Meeting: Friday February 19 at 8:30.

