

The Lane School
PTO General Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report, Stephanie Geier

- \$22,500 5th grade computer expense was approved by the parents of The Lane.
- We should be looking for suggestions on how to spend the money in the account prior to the upcoming Adult Benefit.

MRC, Stephanie Stieglitz

- Stephanie attended the meeting to talk about the MRC and future requests for money. She feels that it would cost \$6,000 to bring the MRC collection up to date. Approximate numbers are: \$2,000 on non-fiction, \$1,500 on fiction, \$900 on audio books and \$1,600 on audible subscriptions. This number will be presented at the PTO general meeting in January for approval in February.
- Stephanie would like to have Author Tim Green visit the school in March 2012 (in conjunction with other school visits at a cost of \$1,500). An ex-NFL football player and now a lawyer, he is a Battle of the Books author and an inspiration to boys. He talks about writing, but more importantly, how important education can be.
- Stephanie will provide a recommendation on how much money the MRC might need on a yearly basis. This would be a line item added to the PTO budget. She also discussed the possibility of redoing the lab and converting the lower MRC for library use (she presented a future of libraries document for the board's review). She will provide a rough estimate and write-up for the lab/lower MRC for the benefit.
- The new laptops are well received and in use. The kids all have their own e-mail and are practicing keyboarding.

Committee Reports

Adult Benefit: The committee is soliciting donations through January. We need to make clear what we are raising the money for.

Local Fundraisers: Upcoming fundraisers are BW3, Homemade Pizza and Pei Wei. We raised \$100 during the Kramer's fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12.

Respectfully submitted by,

Betsy Elman
The Lane School PTO Recording Secretary