

PTA Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2006

- **Introductions/Sign-In Sheet (attached)**

- **President's Message**
 - Karen introduced and welcomed Cory Nickerson as the new Vice President
 - Introduced Alice Peterson, who spoke about the non-profit organization **826 SEATTLE**, founded to help students age 6-18 develop better writing skills
 - Located at 85th & Greenwood Avenue
 - Workshops available evenings & weekends, Drop-In also available
 - 1-on-1 tutoring or small group setting (all subjects)
 - 2-hr field trips can be booked for schools; students write a story together with the instructor and leave with a bound copy of their very own
 - Web site: www.826seattle.org
 - Also introduced Matt Molen, who spoke about the Bellevue-based company **Simply Fun**, which was founded in 2004 to bring families together and promote the value of play
 - Nationwide company that participates with independent consultants who visit homes & schools
 - Demonstration of a few products; 67 products total, such as puzzles, puppets, board games, card games, etc.
 - It was suggested that Bagley host a Family Game Time, a fundraising event where we can earn 25% of all retail sales
 - Web site: www.simplyfun.com

- **Cory Nickerson gave PowerPoint demo about Network for Good**
 - Network for Good is a streamlined way to collect & process donations via the internet, either with a one-time payment or installments. It greatly expands the community's potential for giving
 - Payments are accepted online by credit card, debit card, or checking account
 - Network for Good sends a check to our school once a month with acknowledgements
 - When asked about corporate matching, Cory said she would look into the matter
 - Strategy to implement: Establish our school's affiliation with this program, and also assure the safety and security of this transaction
 - Possibly send e-mails via the V-list promoting this program
 - Posting this information in the Buzz & Baby Buzz
 - It was suggested that we set up a table with information at the Jogathon

- Web site: www.networkforgood.com

- **Rick Swann discussed plans for the Library, its current needs, and fundraising ideas**
 - \$46K is needed to bring our library up to current standards
 - Grant-writing could be a significant source of funding, and money awarded would be used to develop our book collection according to what teachers need and what students really want
 - Rick has removed 1,500 books from the library so far due to age, wear, or inappropriateness/political incorrectness. The average age of picture books on our shelves is 25 years old
 - 42 computers will arrive in March, to be distributed throughout the school
 - Plans are being made to form a committee in Nov. which will act as advocate regarding the library's needs, goals, and progress. The goal will be to reach \$46K over a five-year period

- **Book Fair:**
 - Will be held Oct. 16th through 20th (and during the Ice Cream Social and Open House on the evening of the 19th)
 - Volunteers are needed to help set up for the event beginning Oct. 13th, and can contact Elizabeth Geist to sign up
 - It was agreed to ask for volunteers in this week's issue of the Baby Buzz and through the V-list

- **Harvest Howl:**
 - Discussed ideas for generating more money for Health & Fitness equipment, such as charging \$1 more for admission, have info/donation box upon entry
 - Chuck Millsap needs 35 volunteers to help set up for this event, plan and to supervise activities
 - Will split Haunted House into two shifts to facilitate shorter lines
 - Monica Hinckley offered to take surplus food donation items to a local food bank

- **Mary Sullivan presented treasurer's report**
 - Reviewed a handout of Cash Flow Comparison
 - Expenses last year were higher than expected, resulting in a much more heightened fundraising effort this year
 - PTA officers that were approved as check-signers:
 - Karen Harland, Cory Nickerson, Mary Sullivan, & Sharon Stockman (as listed on attached signatures document)

- **Birgit concluded the meeting with the following announcements:**
 - As of Oct. 2nd, our official enrollment is 328 students

- There was discussion about Chuck Millsap's potential need for a PTA liaison to help generate funds for Health & Fitness-related materials
- Our music teacher, AJ Newland, is planning a winter concert for half the school, a spring concert for the other half, & an all-school concert at the Artwalk
- Andrew Knudsen is our new 2nd/3rd grade teacher in room 216