

**Salem Middle School**  
**PTA Board Monthly Meeting**  
**January 6, 2009**

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Tammy Pressley, PTA President.
2. Attendance – The attendance roster was signed. Those in attendance were: Doreen Salembier, Rhonda Riley, Judy Heilnsnis, Rula Khayrallah, Tammy Pressley, Joel Green, Peggi Smith, Jenny Cass, Dianna Cooper, Jacquelyn Carre, Barbara Green, Ines Park, Mr. Ellzey was also in attendance.
3. Approval of November 3, 2008 minutes. Tammy Pressley noted that Madi Krevat had computer issues and no one received the November 3, 2008 minutes so we were not able to approve them.
4. Communications – V.P. – Barbara Green
  - A. Directory - Judy Heilnsnis said that the directories are coming. There was a printing equipment problem that delayed the printing. Anyone present at the meeting could take their copy and sign their child's name so that two weren't issued to the same family. Printing for PTA members and for staff put the total print quantity at about 650 instead of the 1200 that were printed last year. This is a big savings to the PTA.
    1. Judy has given Sharon V. a form for people to fill out if they would like to order a directory.
  - B. Newsletter - Rula Khayrallah noted that the deadline for the next newsletter is Feb. 4.
5. Operations – V.P. – Hilary Polansky
  - A. Tammy Pressley noted that Jennifer Simis will give an update on the next legislative district 8 meeting at the next board meeting in February 3, 2009.
6. Services – V.P. – Laura Linton
  - A. Grounds – Joel Green reported that the mulch has been renewed by the bus loop. Plants were donated by Salem parents and planted.
    1. Next step will be to clean up the mulch by the car pool loop. It was suggested that Joel may be able to use some students to help spread that mulch if it can be coordinated during school hours.
    2. The lunch area in the back is on the list to look at upgrades with some benches and shading. Also, the special education's area for a vegetable garden will be looked at.
  - B. Reflections – Jacki Carre reported that there were 7 entries in the reflections program. Clay Connors won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the video section.
  - C. Staff Hospitality – Tammy asked Mr. Ellzey if the staff would like lunch for the early release day meetings. The dates are March 5 and April 16. Mr. Ellzey will get back to Tammy on which date they would need lunch.
7. Ways and Means – V.P. – Dianna Cooper
  - A. Spirit Wear – Peggi Smith reported no new updates. We are working on inventory. It seems really low. We may set up to sell sweatshirts at the bookfair night (if it doesn't interfere with the bookfair) and may showcase some in the trophy case.
  - B. Membership – Rhonda Riley has nothing new to report. She's had a couple of new members.
  - C. Spirit Night – Ines Park reported that they made \$80 on the Chic fil-a night.
    1. 3 new spirit nights are:
      - a. January 13 – Namoli's Pizzeria – Ines confirmed that Namolis is giving Salem 20% of their sales to Salem families and it includes delivery, take out and dine in.
      - b. February 16 – Z Pizza – all day
      - c. March 18 – Dixie Bell's Barbeque

- D. Bookfair – The bookfair chairs were not at this meeting and we were trying to figure out the dates. I searched and found some info that was sent to me earlier:
- We have scheduled the Scholastic Bookfair for Feb 10 setup, sales Feb 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and breakdown/packup on Feb. 19th. This is a Wed. to Wed. fair so we won't have to schedule volunteers for more than the 6 days.**
8. Treasurer's Report – Doreen Salembier
- A. The profit and loss budget vs. actual statement was handed out at the meeting.
9. President's Report – Tammy Pressley reported on the following items.
- A. The PTA paid for \$10,000 worth of computers out of the tech budget for student technology upgrades.
- B. Lynn Family – The PTA cannot give gift cards directly to the Lynn family. The PTA will pay for Christian Lynn to go on the Washington DC trip. The total is \$270. Jenny Cass reported that the Lynn family is moving in their house today and are very grateful for all of the contributions.
- C. Blood Drive – The blood drive is Thursday, February 19 from 8:30-1:30. The nurse will come and meet Tammy at 9:30am on Thursday this week. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Tammy. There needs to be some publicity done. The room with the most parents to show up to give blood wins a pizza party. The PTA will pay for the pizza. Mandy Gregory said she was interested in helping.
- D. Code of Ethics – If you have not signed the code of ethics, please do and turn in. There will be copies available tonight after the meeting to sign if you need to.
- E. Tammy Presley said to please let her or Laura Linton know if you plan to retain your position for next year. It's time to start working on the nominating committee.
10. Principal Ellzey –
- A. Principal Ellzey thanked the PTA has given the school; it helps with the budget tightening. He and the staff are very grateful.
- B. Spirit Day – Thursday, January 8, 2009 from 1-2pm is Salem's first spirit day. The band, color guard and dance team will perform and clubs and teams will be present. There will be a lot of good activity. Track 4 students are welcome to come.
- C. Open Houses have been scheduled: This will be a general information meeting for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
1. Track 1 & 3 – January 20, 2009
  2. Track 2 & 4 – February, 2009 (exact date TBA)
11. Meeting was adjourned and the next meeting is Thursday, February 3, 2009.