# **PTA Budget Meeting**

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Overview...It is clear, based on 2009 and 2010 spread sheets, that PTA needs to make line item adjustments to reflect the amounts being brought in and paid out. Going through the budget line by line, two hours was spent discussing analyzing and adjusting the line items to reflect an accurate accounting of what has been occurring with PTA Funds. The decisions would then be used in preparation of the 2012-2013 budget.

### **Trash Bags**

This line item has come up short for two years. Decision made to change the line item from \$1,500 to \$1,150.

#### **Book Fair**

Our Book Fair continuously makes budget with all profits going to the Library. Line item is \$1,000, which is \$500 per book fair...to cover cost.

## **Fund Raising**

Need to combine the fund raising items into one line item and then have sub categories for each fund raiser. Decision to get rid of the Holiday Shoppe for the 2012-2013 school year. Decision made to change the line item from \$12,000 to \$10,000.

## Memberships

Currently, PTA charges \$5 per membership. \$2.75 is paid to the National PTA and \$2.00 is paid to the state of Missouri PTA. Christy will talk to Brandi Frazier about bringing a master list of members and then checking with participants to make sure that they have joined PTA. PTA Members will receive a ticket at the start of the meeting which will verify who is a member during the voting process.

#### **Donations**

Comprised mostly of Wendy's Night monies and skating nights. Since Wendy's is fairly consistent, decision is to leave the line item as is.

#### Labels

Decision made to increase the labels line item from \$700 to \$1,000. With increased recycling we have seen an increase in incoming funds.

### Recycling (outdoor bin)

Last year our price per ton was cut in half. Decision is to change the line item from \$500 to \$250.

### Computer (expense)

Remove this line item altogether. This has not been used in two (possibly three) years. \$300 amount.

### Hospitality (expense)

Change this expense to \$100. This money is used for the purchase of lemonade for the cookie receptions, the purchase of treats for the room party tea and the end of year PTA dinner. This year we need to discuss eliminating the end of year PTA dinner. We can do a dinner at our own personal expense or perhaps a potluck.

## Carnival (expense)

Change the line item from \$750 to \$650. Carnival is not slated to make money, however it consistently does. Carnival is put on by PTA as Community Outreach.

# Staff Appreciation (expense)

Decision made to increase the line item to \$600 from \$500. Chair persons consistently report how difficult it is to stay within the \$50 per month expense.

# Field Trips (expense)

This line item has been revised for the 2011-2012 school year. It might come well within budget if 4<sup>th</sup> grade does not take a field trip.

Everything tabulated with the changes noted would make our budget roughly \$1,900 short each year. In conclusion, we will have to have an in depth discussion before next school year's budget is put together.