

Minutes from the March 16th, 2006 General Meeting of the Franklin PTO

The Meeting was called to order and opening remarks were from Maria Rufo-Bueno, Co-Chair.

Minutes From the previous General Meeting were approved, seconded, and adopted

Movie night is up-coming, March 24, tickets will be sold at drop off and pick up times, \$5 per child, adults free, no unattended children, they must be accompanied by an adult. The Movie will be Chicken Run, 85 minute long animated movie, with 15-20 minute intermission. Last year's was a big success, looking for the same this year. Popcorn etc... will be available, Michelle Roover Chairing the event, committee member Galen Boyer was also present, and will M/C on the 24th.

Ben Franklin day will be held, tentatively June 8th, and there will be lessons in the classrooms leading up to the day as well.

Report from family photo day indicates it was a big success also, final accounting should be in by next meeting.

New Business was then taken up,

The connection will be going completely electronic, 1st issue will be April 13th, 2006 (2 more paper issues), some copies will be in the office for those who do not have access to the internet. A discussion ensued regarding the availability of paper issues and how we can ensure that all families have access to the same information. No consensus was reached but a general agreement to continue to have printed copies available at the office should address the issue.

Families can sign up to get on the distribution list at franklinpto.com, the web content will not contain all the information that the list –serve files have for privacy issues.

Spring Auction / Dinner-Dance get those donations in early \$25.00 per person, you can reserve a table for 10 for \$250.00. Raffle tickets are a buck, Prizes include Red Sox tickets, and an IBM Thinkpad, among other items.

Carol spoke about the spring fair, lots of activities planned, certain areas open to everyone upon paid admission, other activities avail for additional payment. May 20th is the date, rain date the following day.

PTO Nominations, Co-president and Treasurer positions need to be filled, if you know someone, have them contact an executive board member for details. It is important to have involvement from as many of the parents as possible, the new fiscal budget is out for the school system and PTO's are going to be relied upon more than ever.

Carol Marchand, then introduced the evenings speaker Mary Eich, the K-8 math coordinator for the school system who gave a very well received presentation of the Math curriculum, including it's goals, methods, and philosophy. We split into small groups and worked through a few of the modules. Questions were then taken from the audience.

It was quite an informative presentation, with much positive commentary expressed by those in attendance.

The meeting was then adjourned.