

**Kyrene de la Sierra
P.T.O. General Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2011**

Meeting called to order: 6:06 PM

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gail Kronick, Jill Ostendorp, Rhonda Jones, Terri Keaton, Mike Kronick, Helen Baker, Dana Westerman, Tracey Pastor, Kim Clithero, Holly Martin, Angie Stratton

Previous Minutes: approved by Kim Clithero & Holly Martin

Treasury Report 9/14/11 – 11/15/11

Beginning Cash Balance	\$33,692.97
Total Income	\$28,800.34
Total Expenses	\$11,941.08
Net Profit	\$16,859.26
Ending Cash Balance	\$50,552.23

Budget Review: Rhonda reviewed the proposed budget, which now includes net profits from the Fall Fundraiser (\$19,585) and FFN (\$4,000). The following items line items were reviewed: Gifts to School, Read-a-Thon, Spelling Bee, Workroom, Classroom Discretionary and Teacher Education. Kim Clithero asked to increase Workroom Budget by \$175, this would make the budget \$4175. Ms. Pastor asked if there was a preference how the \$250 Gallery Night budget was used. The consensus was no. The amended proposed budget was approved by Angie & Mike.

Principals Report: Thinking Maps Presentation – “Understanding The Digital Generation”

- 10% retention with no visual aids / 65% with visual aids
- 65% of children do not learn by auditory or text
- “Digital Bombardment” has changed reading patterns
- Maps are applicable at all grade levels an aid with comparing/contrasting, classifying and seeing analogies. Sierra has a high level of commitment to this methodology. Currently 8 Kyrene schools are participating.

Proposals/New Business:

1. Thinking Maps Binders	(will be school property)	\$1,482.50	passed
2. Electric Binding Machine	(work room)	692.00	passed
3. Dibels Stopwatches	(40 @ \$8.25+ tax)	350.00	passed

Committee/Activity Updates:

1. Restaurant Nights - (Christine Ellis) Remove Loco11/21 from Marquee. We’re trying to reduce flier Use. Restaurants use the honor system to track amounts.
2. Book Fair - (Helen Baker/Terri Keaton) Need teacher wish list and need volunteers.
3. Turkey Trot – (Beth Hare) Need Volunteers. Dana will send Beth toy donation list.