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## **PTA Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2009**

Sharon Cummings started our meeting started at 8:10 am in the gym at Olds Elementary School. Copies of the by-laws were available for review. Jerry Williams passed out current copies of the PTA budget. He wants to remind the teachers about their discretionary fund. Thanks to Lisa Meeks, Tori Arens, and Jean Jacques Dubois and the many volunteers that helped make the Science Fair possible. It was a great success! Our Open House was on January 28, 2009, and we had 16 parents attend. Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Gibson-Robinson gave parents tours and answered questions. Students will be attending school on Monday, February 16, 2009. This was originally scheduled to be a day off. (President's day.)

On Saturday, February 21, 2009, Outback Steakhouse will be open for lunch. This is a fundraiser organized by one of our student teachers, Amanda Hudson. The tickets are \$15.00. This cost includes everything. That's right—even tax and gratuity. Outback is donating the food. We are hoping to purchase a Smart Board with the proceeds. The menu includes a seasoned and seared sirloin or grilled chicken, a side of garlic mashed potatoes, Outback's Signature Caesar Salad, a slice of New York Style Cheesecake, and a Coke Product soda, tea or water. What a deal! Please spread the word about this fundraiser. Sharon Cummings can e-mail a flyer if you would like one.

On March 7, 2009, we will be holding a yard sale here at the school. The time of the yard sale will be from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Please pass the word that we are accepting donations on Friday, March 6, 2009. Volunteers are needed for both days. Please contact Leanne Stradling for more information.

The Friends of the Library will be having a book swap in May. The goal is to have each child take two books home. Please consider donating books to this great event.

Erin Bailey gave a report for the Grounds committee. There will be a grounds day on March 28. Please put this on your calendar and join us. We will be overhauling the butterfly garden.

The banana split party was a great success! This was a reward for the students selling more than \$200.00 of Sally Foster items for our fund raiser. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Thanks also to Coach Huffman for being such a good sport. The Coach allowed pies to be thrown at him by three lucky students. The three student's names were drawn at the banana split party.

Spring Fling will be May 15, 2009. We still need items for the silent auction. Please consider donating time, talent or item to benefit Olds. If you have questions, you may contact Karen Staman at [kstaman@gmail.com](mailto:kstaman@gmail.com) or Debbie Kane at [dtkane@bellsouth.net](mailto:dtkane@bellsouth.net) .

There was a change in January's minutes. Karen Rhodes did not make a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to note this is February's minutes was made by Lucy Jordan. Jerry Williams made a second motion. Lucy Jordan also motioned for the business portion of our meeting to be adjourned. Jerry Williams seconded the motion.

Ms. Sarita Broadway from the College Foundation of North Carolina gave a presentation. She gave us information about the foundation and how it works. This foundation will help you plan, apply and pay for college. There is career planning, a student planner, college fair, online applications, information on paying for college, and the college saving program. Answers to questions are available by calling toll free at 1-866-866-CFNC. Representatives are available 8 am – 8 pm, Monday – Thursday, and 8 am – 5 pm on Friday. There is also a website. The address is CFNC.org. College Foundation of North Carolina is a service of the State of North Carolina provided by Pathways, CFI, and NCSEAA. Thanks for coming and speaking with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Palmiter

Attendees were: Allison Lairmore, Jerry Williams, Suzanne Brooks, Kenny Brooks, Dr. Mary Anne Wheeler, Joi Robinson-Gibson, Gina Brosius, Karen Rhodes, Lucy Jordan, Jennifer Winstead, Erin Bailey, Lisa Meeks, Pat Ryan Hunt, Sharon Cummings, and Linda Palmiter.