

**PTO General Meeting**  
**October 20, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

- I. Welcome.
- II. Approval of minutes September 15, 2009 meeting.
- III. Principal's Report (Ms. Janice Dupuy)
  - A. Carrollton Campus
    1. Anti-bullying program – 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation today (by Saints' Anthony Hargrove)
    2. Presentation at Broadway Campus to be announced
  - B. High school fair – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will join Hynes Charter School to meet representatives from various high schools October 23, 2009
  - C. Report card conferences will be held October 29, 2009
  - D. Sunship Earth for 7<sup>th</sup> graders March 2010  
Parent meeting is November 4, 2009
  - E. Volley for the Cure – thanks to our parents, teachers & students; athletic department donated \$100 to the breast cancer association
  - F. Site visit from Orleans Parish School Board last month
    1. Curriculum department (impressed with our program)
    2. Facilities management (discussed bathrooms, heating, roof, etc.)
    3. Special education review
      - a. Reminder that Audubon had an increased number of gifted Pre-K students prior to Hurricane Katrina
      - b. Special education population at Audubon is ~5%
      - c. Although Audubon's charter calls for 7% special education students, Audubon received special marks for its fair and open enrollment/admission policy
      - d. Response to intervention (RTI) responds to student needs

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e. Currently await written report

IV. Montessori Director's Report (Ms. Ellen Selvidge will also give Madame Loetitia Ducos' report)

- A. Sunship Earth meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents is tomorrow. Parents please volunteer!
- B. Collaborative training days for French and Montessori teachers
- C. International day of peace was successful
- D. Calculation of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter parent volunteer hours will be calculated and sent out next Thursday. Total volunteer hours will be sent out each quarter.

V. Annual Giving Fund

A. Co-Chair, Aaron Harden

- 1. Letters mailed for family support
- 2. Goal is 100% participation
- 3. Please remember: Jefferson Parish schools receive more funds per student than Orleans Parish schools, so please give.

B. Development Director, Sophia Griffies

Annual Fundraising Gala late January 2010 (tentative date)

Dance band, food, drinks, class art project

Request volunteers, auction items & food donations

VI. Fundraising Committee Report (Jean Kijko and Jennifer McNamara)

- A. Fall Fete logo by Charles Cameron
- B. Cake table – cakes from around the world (themes)
- C. Room parent theme baskets
- D. Encourage purchase of pre-sale packages
- E. Some food and band donations received
- F. Request paper product donations by grade
- G. Media press release

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- VII. Membership Committee Report (Tracy Cameron)
- A. Friends of Audubon website – parents gradually signing up
  - B. Volunteer instructions posted in *The Rare Bird*
  - C. Yearbook
    - 1. Refund can be given to parents who attempted to purchase a yearbook last year
    - 2. Need 4 volunteers (2 from each campus)
    - 3. Item options range from soft cover/black & white print to hard cover/color print
- VIII. *The Rare Bird* Report (Todd Taylor)
- We are increasing *The Rare Bird* emails (currently ~300) and therefore decreasing the printed copies. Let's keep up the good work, go paperless!
- IX. Community Coffee (CC's) Fundraiser (Jordan Hebert, Representative)
- A. Receive cash for Audubon through the Cash For Schools program
  - B. Save UPC's from Community Coffee products to receive cash for Audubon
  - C. May also pick up a Cash for School's card from your local CC's and sign up to give credit to Audubon with each purchase
  - D. Three ways to collect
    - 1. Clip directly from product
    - 2. Business owners may submit the triangular UPC (higher value than regular UPC label)
    - 3. Through CC's coffee houses
      - a. Gift Card/royalty card/earn cash for schools
      - b. Works like a debit card
      - c. Please register reward card online
- X. Raffle Question
- XI. Announcement (Christine Brennan) - FAME meeting this Saturday 10am
- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.