

## Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2011  
9:30am

### **Volunteer Hours:**

168 hours

### **Attendance:**

Jen Nielsen	Eva Riser	Rachelle Bolingbroke	Amy Glenn
Karen Wynn	Melissa Breiter	Rebecca Tayler	Vicki Wiesenberg
Bunney Schmidt	Nicole Brittain	Lori Sanders	Danielle Brown
Jeselyn Peery	Cathy Ambrose	Lorien Anderton	JanaRae Hemingway
Jennifer Card	Heather Stewart	Rachelle Hopkins	Melissa Clayton
Amy Chariton	Shannon Jenks	Julie Reid	

### **Reverence:** Shannon Jenks.

Gordan Ryan wrote a book about his experience as a scout leader who got his troop's flag on the fateful mission of Space Shuttle Challenger. The flag was recovered after the disaster and returned to the troop. This is an analogy of what a strong symbol our flag is and how it and our patriotism can endure and never be destroyed.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

August 2011 minutes approved by:  
Lori Sanders, 1st  
Melody Matheson, 2nd

### **Budget Review:** Karen Wynn, Rebecca Tayler

Approved by:  
Eva Riser, 1st  
Jennifer Card, 2nd

### **Principal's Report**

*First Day of School:* Teacher cheer before school started was a success. Will continue the tradition.

*Safety:* First graders will now line up on north side of school instead of isolated west side.

Thanks for continuing to obey new loading zone rules, it's a great improvement. Please help by reminding others.

*Parent-Teacher Conferences:* Will be held in October 13. AM (8:00 - 2:15) common day. One night only and schedule appointment with the online scheduler.

*Back to school Night:* Awesome event, great turnout.

*Kookies and Kleenex:* Many parents stopped by office to comment on that it was nice to have that. Parents from other schools wished their school did that.

*OES Team:* Rachelle will start referring to teachers and staff as the "OES Team" to represent their unified efforts. "We all work together".

*Please remain positive:* Justin Sewa, motivational speaker, addressed the teachers before school started. His emphasis was the importance of positive talk. Rachelle encourages parents to use positive talk when referring to teachers. Panic was a problem when some parents heard negative comments about their child's teacher and wanted to switch with many others following suit. Be careful what you say, sometimes a teacher and a student is a bad fit, but that makes neither the teacher nor student themselves bad.

*Giving Trees:* Thanks Lori Sanders for her successful and well implemented idea. Many great comments from parents, teachers and other schools.

**President's Report:** Karen Wynn:

*Back to School Night Review:* No changes suggested, great success and "amazing".

*After School Programs:* To be headed by Stephanie Ellis with Lisa Hill assisting.

*Walk to School Day:* Oct. 5 and headed by Paige Holland. This is a PM common day.

*Vision Screening:* Need volunteers, look for signup sheet (9:30 on Sept 15).

*Red Ribbon Week:* Oct 17-19. Volunteers needed, look for signup sheet. Headed by Karli Verhoef and Melissa Breiter.

*Needs Assessment Form:* Please fill out and return so we can get your feedback.

*Upper Grade Reading Incentives:* We will be incorporating and beefing up Ken Garff's Road to Success program. Lisa Tanner is our new Media Specialist and needs to work with a volunteer to help develop the program. Lori Sanders suggested we work closely with teachers to get kids to participate. A volunteer basis fails. Julie Reed discussed if the books aren't appealing, the kids won't read. Karen Wynn suggested asking the teachers for a reading trends list so that popular books can be implemented.

*Family Fun Run:* Nov. 5 Headed by Melissa Clayton. Will discuss more thoroughly at next mtg. on Oct. 4.

*Safety:* 1st graders are lining up on north side of school.

Be aware of an offender on 400 S. The situation is being monitored.

**Carnival:**

*Points:* Bunney Schmidt. Triple points for today for items brought in to classrooms to auction. Double points through Tuesday.

*Silent Auction:* Bunney Schmidt. More baskets needed.

*Volunteers:* Bunney Schmidt. Volunteer need is huge. We need you! StuCo, YM/YW groups and singles ward are volunteering.

*Canopies or large Umbrellas Needed:* Bunney Schmidt. Owners must be willing to set up and take down to eliminate risk of PTA damaging their property.

*Food:* Amy Chariton. Texas Road House (a big thank you for your donation), Pizza, Salad

*Face Painting:* Nicole Brittain. Amy Glenn, Neal Jenks, Jill Judd, plus many YW and single adults can help to keep the line moving along.

*Prizes:* Lori Sanders. All prizes are purchased save the larger ones. Awaiting for budget numbers to proceed. Melissa Breiter and Jill Freestone will be helping with the sorting candy needing to be bagged with prizes

*Auction Baskets:* Toni Carlson needs help putting together baskets. Contact Karen Wynn if you can help.

*Ticket Sales:* Will be the mornings of the 14 through 19 in front and back of school. Volunteers needed, look for signup sheet.

*Inflatables:* Nothing established. One quote for \$300. Cathy Ambrose feels there is a better deal with Ultimate Inflatables. They were called and quoted \$80.00 per rental. Hoping to rent two inflatables. Nicole Brittain is following through.

*Ponies:* Amy Glenn may be able to find miniature horses to offer rides. Nicole Brittain will contact Barnyard Buddies about their pony rides and petting zoo.

*Misc.* Amy Glenn suggested possibilities of holding two carnivals a year in fall and spring. Discussion of a smaller, party type event ensued. No conclusion was made.

**Adjourn:** 10:35

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 4 at 9:30a