



## Poe Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Nov. 10, 2009

**Minutes:** October 2009 minutes were approved.

**Yearbook:** Preorder now for the best prices on yearbook ads. Prices will go up after the holiday. Orders may be made using a form in the office or online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Your yearbook may also be personalized at the aforementioned website. The book will feature a soft cover.

**Website:** Parents are urged to visit [www.poepto.org](http://www.poepto.org) regularly for up-to-date school information, PTO forms and much more. Thanks to Melisa Regan for keeping the website updated.

**Principal's Remarks:** Mrs. Gonzales is out sick today. Poe is trying to get to 98% attendance. We currently have 731 students enrolled. We now have three SMART Boards per grade level.

**AR Program:** Accelerated Reader "Renaissance Place" is designed for students to get excited about reading. Computer lab testing is going on to determine each student's reading level. We need to plan goals for the campus AR. There is a new computer in every classroom that will be set up for AR. The goal is to have them up and running by January 2010.

**Book Fair:** The event is next week. We still need volunteers. Gift certificates may be ordered online at [www.poepto.org](http://www.poepto.org). Friday is Grandparents' Day from 7:30 a.m. – Noon.

**Reading Strategies** – Ms. Lerma presented strategies and tips at the meeting for elementary school readers. If you have questions, e-mail Ms. Lerma at [slerma@houstonisd.org](mailto:slerma@houstonisd.org).

**Treasurers Report:** P&L statements and Balance Sheets were distributed for September 2009. The PTO is in a strong financial position.

**VIPS:** Please volunteer for the Poe Book Fair. Mr. Warren needs tutors. If you can help, contact Amy Aulbach at [amyaulbach@att.net](mailto:amyaulbach@att.net). Volunteers need to sign both in and out in the school office so that hours may be calculated accurately. Ms. Williams and Ms. Jackson need help Friday morning with costumes.

**Auction:** Thanks to Jill Gilbert, Amy Aulbach and Sarah Dyke for chairing this important event. The auction will be Friday, Feb. 26 at the Rice Univ. Student Center in the Grand Ballroom. Goode Company BBQ will cater and a band will perform. We need underwriters and auction items. Go to [www.poepto.org](http://www.poepto.org) and click on the auction tab to find the forms. The next meeting will be Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Raven Grill. The auction kick-off was last night at Houston Wine Merchant. To donate wine for the auction wine raffle and receive a 20% discount on all bottles donated, contact Houston Wine Merchant at 713 524-3397 now through Feb. 26.

**Carnival:** A thank you coffee will be held on Friday to recognize Carnival volunteers. A special thanks to Melisa Regan and Anjanette Blewer for co-chairing this year's event.

**Merchant Rebate:** The second Thursday of each month, Papa John's will donate 20% of proceeds for every pizza sold to Poe parents, staff and friends. Make sure to mention Poe when placing your order. Hungry's in Rice Village will have a Poe Week Dec. 5-13. 10% of proceeds from dinner only will be donated to Poe. Please mention the school when placing your order. Gugliani's nights are Dec. 15 & 16.

**Library:** There will be a book mending workshop in December.

**Directory:** This year's directory should be distributed in this week's Monday Folders.