



## Poe Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Jan. 12, 2010

**Minutes:** November 2009 minutes approved.

**Principal's Remarks:** Mrs. Gonzales is at a meeting this morning. Thanks to volunteers who helped with honor roll recognition. "No Dogs Allowed" signs are being printed by HISD and will be posted on the SPARK Park gates a.s.a.p. Stanford testing will occur in the coming weeks.

**Technology:** All tech equipment has been installed. Teachers need training on SMART Boards, there is at least one board per grade. Betty Garcia will conduct training on Saturdays. Every classroom has a computer, most have three now.

**Auction:** The Poe Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year. Things like technology gifts come directly from proceeds of this PTO fundraiser, not from HISD. The auction raises roughly \$50,000 net each year. The auction is Friday, Feb. 26 at the Rice Student Center Grand Hall. It will have a country and western theme. The auction needs volunteers. The underwriting deadline is this Friday. Please donate to the wine raffle by contacting Houston Wine Merchant at 713 524-3397 or contact Sheri Brudner if you would like to donate from your personal collection. Please donate silent auction items like Rodeo Houston tickets or Astros tickets a.s.a.p. The next auction meeting is Jan 21 at Cova on Kirby at 7 p.m. Please also consider sponsoring a teacher ticket for \$50. Sheri Brudner is in charge of the Alumni list for the auction.

**Treasurers Report:** P&L statements and Balance Sheets were distributed for Nov/Dec 2009. Thanks to Frank Fosella we made \$322.00 from Amazon.com. Teachers are starting to spend their PTO funds.

**VIPS:** Volunteers are needed for Black History Month and the Edgar Allan Poe Birthday celebration. Class projects are being completed for the auction.

**Merchant Rebate:** Please use Merchant Rebate the links provided on [www.poepto.org](http://www.poepto.org). Hungrys/Poe Week made \$55. Giuliani's is two nights this month (the fourth Tuesday/Wednesday). Papa John's orders need to be made through Montrose location, please mention Poe on when placing order. The class that orders the most Papa John's pizza on the specified night this month will win a pizza party.

**President:** Edgar Allan Poe celebration is this Friday. Valentine's Luncheon information coming soon. The Uniform room has moved (we had to give up the PTO work room). Mindy White, her husband and Mr. Sifuentes moved the uniform bins to the room near the loading docks. The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Instructions on how to order yearbook ads was distributed in Monday Folders. Ad sales end March 1. Yearbooks go up \$5 on Feb 1 to \$20. The Poe-Co Garage Sale is Saturday, Feb. 20. Please contact Paige Fijkus at [cpfajkus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpfajkus@sbcglobal.net) with questions or donations.