

**PTA General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2012**

**Call to Order: 6:10 pm**

Mr. Coney gives opening remarks. He introduces the 2012-2013 Board. He provides an update on the Legacy Project, which is the purchase of the SMART and/or Promethean boards for classroom teachers. He indicated that one SMART board was purchased using the proceeds of the fall bookfair, and two Promethean boards were purchased.

He then asks Mr. Calzadilla to share any information of importance to the PTA members. He thanks the PTA board for their service during the 2011-2012 school year. He then recognizes Vice Mayor Burgess in the audience. He mentioned that ABE was recognized at the School Board meeting yesterday for receiving the Five Star Award for the 2011-2012 school year. Further, he indicated that ABE received a \$1000 award from Target. Mr. Calzadilla then speaks about the bond referendum that will be on the ballot in November. Should this pass then ABE would be eligible for a number of upgrades, for example, technological as well as facilities. Finally, he speaks about the importance of volunteering to the parents in the audience, and to that end ABE does have a parent volunteer of the year award. This award will now be known as the Cindy Erb Volunteer Award. She recently passed away, but during her daughter's time at ABE, she embodied volunteerism. She served on the PTA Board as the treasurer for a number of years, helped the teachers in their classrooms. She willingly generously gave of her time, and this award will now be a legacy.

Mr. Coney then discusses the shade structure grant, and the goal that PTA has to raise the funds necessary to complete the grant requirements. He also spoke of the generosity of anonymous sponsors as well as corporate sponsors in assisting in meeting the \$10,000.

The large tent that is used during events at ABE has been set up and taken down for a fee up until last year, when Mr. Coney took over this responsibility as a cost saving measure. He will provide a training on September 22 at 10 am to teach those individuals interested in assisting ABE in this way. There is a sign-up provided.

The proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year is shown to the members then questions and/or comments are taken from the floor. Mr. Coney makes a motion for the budget to be approved. Ms. Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion passes.

A complementary raffle is held for the members present. Parents will receive their PTA packets as they attend their Open House with their child's teacher.

**Meeting Dismissed: 6:35 pm**

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Chrisanne Fordik – PTA Secretary

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