

January 13, 2010

## PTO Meeting

Start Time 8:40pm End Time 8:50pm

20 People in attendance.

At 7:00pm Dr. Michael Graner along with BoE members spoke to parents and staff regarding the current situation with our schools. Information on this topic and all other news regarding our schools can be found on Ledyard Public Schools' website [Ledyard.net](http://Ledyard.net).

In conjunction with Dr. Graner's budget discussion the PTO's meeting began with ways to continue to save money for our schools; PTO president Barbara Leandri suggested parents should go to our school's website to be informed on what is going on with the PTO, upcoming events, functions, important dates and school information. Also, communication through emails and telephones will be implemented more opposed to copies being sent home. In both Gales Ferry School and Juliet W. Long School the PTO has bulletin boards where information is posted. Another suggestion is to put recycling bins in both schools for paper. The PTO's email is [gfsjwlpto@yahoo.com](mailto:gfsjwlpto@yahoo.com).

PTO Treasurer Maureen Brawner informed us of our current balance which reflects all teacher's wish list, field trips and science funds. We have a balance of \$11,575.68. We are working on fulfilling another wish list for our teachers.

We are breaking out even at both schools with the selling of Ice cream; a vote at the end of the school year will be taken to determine if an increase on ice cream will be implemented.

Principal Mary Porter-Price spoke about CMT dates, which will be the first 2 weeks in March. Also school assembly is going very well. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Barbour who is doing a great job running it.

When registering your Stop & Shop card(s), make sure you look under Gales Ferry for our school NOT Ledyard.

A new section in the PTO newsletter has been put into place, we now have teacher profile. This is to familiarize everyone with all the wonderful teachers that we are lucky to have at both GFS and JWL.

Movie night will be the first Friday in February.

The GFS/JWL Basket raffle is coming up; we are in need of a chairperson for this event, if you are interested please feel free to contact any PTO board member.

After school Enrichment will be starting up in March, volunteers are needed for this program, if you are interested please contact Rebekah Maranzano @ 860-464-2114 or email her @ [rjmaranzano@yahoo.com](mailto:rjmaranzano@yahoo.com).

As always the PTO is trying hard to build our school community and have more family activities.