

# Parent Teacher Organization

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### Maskenball Update:

*Although final numbers are not tallied, we raised approximately \$13,000 at Maskenball this year!! Thank you to all who made it such a success!!*

## Meeting Notice- - - March 2, 2009 7 p.m.

The next PTO meeting will be held on the above date at the school in the art room.

PTO attendees worked hard to refine and refresh a set of workable bylaws- however, they are not official yet.

Come and make history as we adopt bylaws and formally create our brand-new PTO!!



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## New Parents' Night Out- - -March 12, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Join the PTO for the first ever New Parents' Night Out!! Is this your family's first year at TCGIS? Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Sweeney's Saloon (96 N Dale St, St. Paul) for a very informal affair--no masks or evening gowns required!! This is a chance for parents of kindergartners and other new students to get together with some "old timers" and ask questions about the school, what to expect as your child progresses through grades, and just to match some faces with names!

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## New Standing PTO Committees

**\*Fundraising:** To coordinate all PTO fundraising activities for the upcoming year; recruit volunteers for individual fundraiser; and work with school admin, Grants committee, and School Board, as appropriate.

**\*Classroom Support:** To recruit and train classroom parents, ensuring communication with teachers; coordinate volunteers for school-wide events & staff appreciation; and provide assistance with cultural disparities in relation to holiday celebrations, etc.

**\*Parent Outreach Committee:** To coordinate welcome/orientation programs for new school families; support PTO communications on a broad level throughout the year; develop and organize community events.

**\*Education Support Committee:** To oversee funding requests for school projects; assist the director of curriculum and teachers with Kulturwoche; support field trips; and assist with promotional tours for prospective families.

# AGENDA

**TCGIS PTO**  
**March 2, 2009**  
**7- 9 p.m. Art Room**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<b>7:00-7:05</b>	Call to Order **Welcome/Introductions **Approval of Minutes **Approval of Agenda-any additions/new business?	Leslie Watson
<b>7:05-7:15</b>	Miscellaneous Updates/Enlightenment **GIEF Board **Maskenball	Molly McBeath MB Committee
<b>7:15-7:45</b>	Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation!! Whoo-hoo!!	All
<b>7:45-8:00</b>	Proposed Funding Guidelines	All
<b>8:00-8:40</b>	Standing Committees: Report, Recruit, Rally	
	Parent Outreach Committee <u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!</u> **Upcoming Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Parents Night Out (March 12, 2009)</li> <li>• Tanz in den Mai (May 2, 2009)</li> </ul> **Upcoming Tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome letter</li> <li>• Buddy System</li> <li>• Field Guide</li> </ul>	Gina Vader, Lisa Antony-Thomas
	Fundraising Committee <u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!</u> **Review of last year's fundraisers **Upcoming fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand Marais</li> <li>• Rummage Sale</li> </ul> **Upcoming Tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remaining fundraiser</li> <li>• clarify roles with Board/Director</li> <li>• Fundraising calendar</li> </ul>	Heidi Zimmerman
	Classroom Support Committee <u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!</u> **Upcoming tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop classroom parent job descriptions &amp; materials</li> <li>• Develop guidance for new teachers Germany vs. America</li> <li>• Recruit 2009-2010 classroom parents</li> </ul>	Open
	Educational Support Committee <u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!</u> **Upcoming Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop work plan with Directors of Operation &amp; Curriculum</li> </ul>	Open
<b>8:40-9:00</b>	Executive Board Issues **May elections-need to identify candidates and election procedure **Draft 2009-2010 Budget	Interim Exec Board All
<b>9:00</b>	Adjournment	Leslie

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7 p.m.**