



## PIP Minutes for January 26, 2011

**Attendees** were Rheta Roeber, Susan Krikorian, Janice Ward, Karen Herther, Sunanda Sahay, Bernie Kosicki, Eileen Sullivan, and Mary Ann Smith. The meeting began at about 9:05 am.

**Minutes:** Rheta approved the minutes of November 19, 2011 with the sentence containing the word “travel” being stricken. This has been done.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Quicken, Raytheon and Solidworks donations are earmarked for the Robotics team. PIP has about \$7300 in the account but hasn’t paid for Nature Guides (app. \$5700), the Science Olympiad (\$1000), fees to Mike Francis (about \$100) for playing Galileo, Janice’s expenses, and Robotics expenses that PIP has already authorized. We’ll have about \$3900 left. In June we will pay \$250 each for 4 PIP scholarships; 2 for Robotics and 2 traditional ones. The Robotics scholarships are one-time exceptions.

**Family Math Game Night, January 19th:** We had 40-50 families in attendance.

**Book Club Meeting, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Discovery Museum:** How to Think Like Leonardo Da Vinci. Namrita Murali, a high school student, will help facilitate.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Market Math, February 8th:** potential helpers might be Sunanda, Rheta, and their kids. Conant has Asia Map Night the same night.

**Star Party, February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Nature Guides will be available for purchase. We can have students selling hexbugs and Nature Guides.

**Spring PIP Family Nature Guide:** These will be available mid to late January, hopefully at the book club meeting. They will cost \$5 each. Eileen also asked for volunteers for Asia Map night at Gates on Mon. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8. The map is 25 feet by 32 feet.

**Galileoscope Project:** Workers Credit Union will donate \$250.00 toward bags with the WCU logo on them. Bernie said the bags are most advantageous in libraries because more people will see them. Teachers don’t need bags because they won’t be checking the scopes out. Marlene will order the bags. Eileen says Douglas wants some Galileoscopes. Bernie said the bags are about \$25 each and we probably need 10 bags, which will only be used for circulating scopes. He will help come up with an activity sheet for the circulating scopes but he needs a helper. A Fourth Grade teacher would be best, because he or she could tie the activities into the curriculum. Perhaps it could include a “History of Galileo” book or a link to a Youtube history of Galileo.

**AB Robotics:** Sunanda discussed the “RVC Design Award” which was won by the Robotics team. Their website, [actonrobotics.org](http://actonrobotics.org), contains details. MIT Lincoln will consult with and

sponsor the team; CORI checks will need to be done. Raytheon promised financial support. The Science Olympiad has \$1000 in the PIP account and Mary Ann agreed to contact Mr. Dempsey to offer assistance to him in spending it (Note: I have already contacted him.)

**Publicity:** it was suggested that we include [www.patch.com](http://www.patch.com).

**Other Upcoming Events:** March 13, Community Skate, Nashoba, 2 pm to 4 pm; April 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Market Math, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned around 10:30 am.