

The BPG was pleased to welcome some new board members; Laura Sampson and Paula Werner. Officers were also elected. Heather Lee will remain chair, Laura Sampson vice chair, Jo Terwilliger treasurer, and Nancy Black as secretary. They continue to search for ways to bring in other parents. A few ideas involved a potluck meeting inviting lead volunteers, a calendar of events in Friday update, phone tree and a more detailed BPG report in the Friday update each week. All current members plan on attending board 101 and the APC/BPG joint retreat.

The fundraising committee reported current plans. The BPG hosted a booth at the Colony High Craft Bazaar on November 30th with the intent of putting ourselves out in the community to speak about Birchtree. Some new ideas of a school wide BPG hosted garage sale came up, perhaps in the spring in conjunction with a parent night focused on simplicity, and spring cleaning. ☺ Birchtree's summer camp is in the planning stages, we hope to begin advertising in January. The camp will be held at Birchtree the second and third week in June 2014.

The PIT CREW is beginning to use their freezer food program; BPG now has meals available and has already started to deliver to a few families. The idea of a food drive came up. We discussed the many options families have during the holidays and decided to perhaps try a food drive after the holiday season when there is not as much food available to families in need.

Can the APC appoint two BPG liaisons? Or is there anyone on the board that would like to take this on and can attend both meetings each month?