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Millersville Elementary School PTA, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2009

Present:

Stephanie Caruso (Pres)	Maria T. Murphy (Sec)	Jennifer Conner (Treas.)
Annie Medford (VP)	Cathy Palmer	Terry Halstad (Teacher Rep.)
Roxanna Kingston	Lisa Sarro	Tammy Brendle (Principal)
Renee Hoover	Lisa Remer	Robin Martin

The PTA General Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm at Millersville Elementary School, Media Center.

December's meeting minutes were reviewed.

MOTION to accept minutes as presented: Renee Hoover

SECOND: Jennifer Conner

Passed

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a Statement of Account detailing all outgoing checks and incoming deposits. Previous Balance \$7,834.28 (from Dec 5, 2008). Outgoing expenses for the month were \$4,329.09. Income for the month was \$2,307.73. Current balance as of January 9, 2009 is \$5,812.92

Old Business

Fundraising Meeting yesterday (1/7/09)

- Need help getting word out about fundraisers, getting participation, and raising money
- Recent fundraisers raised: Fuddruckers Night \$58.28; Beep Beep Toys: no idea how much yet; Box Tops Dec should be \$900
- Box Tops slap bracelets were great—love them (kids get bracelets for box tops taken to office);
 - We need to put out news of slap bracelets for 10 box tops; or put name on bag and teacher's name on it and will get bracelet; one per child per contest

President's Report

None

CAC Report

None

PTA Committee Reports

Awards and Recognition

- No chair still; have things to work on: Annie will do paperwork for whatever teacher is nominated;

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Birthday Book Club

- Stephanie – less than ten students purchased books this month (Dec);
- January invitation and order forms to come out this week

Community Service

- Suggestion to make Valentine's cards to send home with kids to decorate (a heart on pink paper), send back to Maria and we'll mail to TSGT Hartman
- Suggestion: Troops can't find greeting cards to send home; ask for blank cards so they can send them home to families
- Operation Welcome Home, another initiative Community Service would like to support; will look into organizing a MES group to meet an upcoming flight

Cultural Arts

- Magical Mathematician 9:30 on January 13th; books will be for sale

Fundraising

- Next meeting on 2/11, 0900, Caruso's
 - Skate Night Fri 16th 5:45-7:45, Wheels Skating Center Odenton
 - Sock Hop Feb 27th for families more details to follow
Themed dances/fundraisers more successful
- Ideas:
 - Basket Bingo – Roxanna to investigate;
 - Reusable bags to sell – get Millersville Bags with MES logo - Amy Andrews to look into
- School store up and running on Feb 1
 - Need place day and time; open in morning; rules to be in place to make sure not disruptive
 - Basic school supplies, comp books, folders, MES water bottles, change purse
- Coldstone date to be determined
- Go Green for St. Patrick's week – MSA week so need to not have distracting stuff
 - TerraCycle program starts March 16th or so - collects juice bags and makes bags, other items from them for purchase
 - Green O Grams – like crittergrams
 - Fresh Fruit snack – green snack that day
- No winterfest -outside carnival, 18th April 12-4 (Sat) ; 19 April (Sun)
- Chili Fiesta May 2nd
- Scripp's Spelling Bee – Great American Spellcheck; straight profit 3, 4, 5th graders only; will require some teacher involvement, but PTA will help however we can

Holiday Shop

- Made about \$1,000; typically used to buy more items for next year's

Hospitality

- Deli Days scheduled two times in January; this week (1/9) and in two weeks (1/23)

Membership

- Between December and January, we had four join, so we are at: 22 memberships for teachers; 101 families; 202 members

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- (Off topic: Do we add new MES families to Directory? No, we can add supplement to permanent one afterwards if need be.)
- Should we have a membership drive after first of the year?
 - Board will meet with Renee and decide way ahead
- Make list of families that joined and say we thank you for your support to put in the newsletter, and a note that it's not too late to join; put in newsletter

Newsletter

- Articles to Marsha by Sunday, 1/11

Website

- Ms. Brendle and Mrs. Halstad have not been getting Newsflashes; Maria will check on list and add teachers, staff who are not on email list.
- PTA Newsletter is added to website after it is published

Yearbook Committee

- Send pictures now!!
- 64-page yearbook (\$17), 8-page supp optional extra (\$7) (Mid-April to end of school year) books will be avail 1 June, supps mailed over summer.
- Have a raffle for paid teachers in PTA to win free yearbook.
- On sale through Feb, after 1 March price went up a little (for early bird special)
- Put an "Order form is coming" blurb in newsletter and then send home form later separately

School

Principal's Report

- Mega Party went well, kids in money machine won almost \$800; Pickup went well; Limo ride permission slip going home on Monday for Lido's Pizza - 18 kids going (for fundraising)
- Budget for next year (Dr .Maxwell released it, see online at AACPS); divided into construction, materials; we are scheduled for driveway and new parking area, but no news on it
- Newsletter has been done since before Christmas, but have not been able to post (separate school improvement plan); newsletter should be out on 1st of each month, families must look online
- Stacey Philip is leaving school last day 1/16; resigned from county because of family issues
 - Susan Kotter is her replacement, her first day is 1/13; Mrs. Philip sent home letter
- Monday 1/12 having refresher on rules for charms
 - There have only been eight Office referrals since August!! Some schools have eight in a day.)
- April –AACPS teacher of the year; PTA to nominate Staff member
 - Nominations must be received by 27 Feb; we'll put something up on web with deadline date and also tell teachers so they can nominate a peer (AACPS website – Teacher of the Year)

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- March 27th Founders' Day Committee – Council of PTAs, Annapolis Elks' Club; Mrs. Brendle has to attend, so will Stephanie Caruso; can nominate teacher
- Calendar
 - Jan 20th Open – will NOT close;
 - Jan 21, 22, 23, 26th two hours early
 - Jan 27, 28 closed
 - Feb 23rd - Awards assembly, 0900 grades 1-2, 0950 grades 3-5

Teachers' Report

- Terry Halstad – has been a request for cleaning of stage curtains and repair of ropes because they don't close anymore
 - Ycare stuff is everywhere; need to find alternate space for stuff;
 - Research how much to have curtains cleaned and ropes restrung
 - Shelving behind back curtain?
 - Mrs. Brendle to talk to TCare Director about stuff being stored – cleaning up, purging
- Ms. Montani – Art to Remember in February; to benefit the Art Department
- Informally declared tomorrow (1/9) Ravens Day

Move to adjourn Meeting: Cathy Palmer

Second: Terry Halstad

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 pm