

Millersville Elementary School PTA, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
February 6, 2009

Present:

Annie Medford (VP)	Jennifer Conner (Treas)	Maria T. Murphy (Sec)
Lorrie Parks (Spring Carnival)	Chris DiBenio (Yearbook)	Karin Dorsey (Bday Book)
Renee Hoover (Membership)	Jerri Holiday	Margie Harrison
Roxanna Kingston	Sharon Whiteside	Robin Martin
Olivia Sparg (Teacher Rep)	Tammy Brendle (Prin.)	Ann Harrison
Tabitha McCain	Cathy Palmer	

The PTA General Membership Meeting was called to order at 9:35 at Baldwin Historic Hall.

January's meeting minutes were reviewed. Amended to reflect correct current balance date of 9 January 2009.

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 \$5,812.92 (from Jan 8, 2009) . Outgoing expenses for the month were \$9,453.09. Income for the month was \$10,526.88. Current balance as of February 6, 2009 is \$6,886.71.

Old Business

- Directory went out to all members. Some are going out with cards to new members.

Calendar changes:

- Sock Hop March 13th – pre MSA celebration
- Go Green Week not going to happen - too much conflict with MSA; may do some of the activities at Earth Day
- School Store is delayed a bit because of budget - still to come.

New Business

- YCare stage clean-up: Ms. Nancy (YCare Director) said let her know what needs to be done; Too many big things, need to do something with them.
- May 14th Spring concert, looking at doing strings, band, chorus all at once (too hard to have multiple nights for some families) but need stage to do that. So have until May 14th to get stage cleaned up. No dedicated volunteer to look into cleaning curtains; Annie will discuss with Stephanie
 - Jerri—can we use area under stage for storage? Ms. Brendle not sure what is under there; will ask if there is space to use or make built-ins.
- Magician was one of best—staff loved it, Magician wants to come again to cut Ms. Brendle in half.
- Box tops incentives – Maria needs to check with Cindy to see what they are and put on PTA page.

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- Parent involvement conference, Sat March 7th at AACC, 830-1230 pm.
- Need to start thinking about Nominating Committee; PTA elections are in April. Need officers on slate, will be nominated March. Committee Chairs notice out as well so we can get those lined up for beginning of next year. Nice to have a Nominating Committee volunteer to find people to volunteer, announce candidates at March meeting. Have newsletter article about this. Get names to Annie.
- New Parents PTA Information packet for orientation– who volunteered to do that? Will put it in the end of year newsletter and in new parents packet. How you can help, meeting schedule, save box tops, short and sweet.
 - Buddy System – new K families and new families get a phone number of a parent who has been here awhile and mentor will call new families; Tammy will put out a call for volunteers in May
- At PTA meetings, go around and introduce everyone at the beginning of the meetings; started today and will continue. Having tables in a circle is good—inclusive.
- Renee Hoover will be writing blurb on Autism March for Newsletter
- Cathy Palmer – idea for an MES PTA Business/Service Directory; small businesses pay to advertise in Directory; \$5 plus business card; Cathy will do it, will write article for Newsletter.

President's Report - None

CAC Report - None

PTA Committee Reports

Awards and Recognition

- Nominated Terry Halstad for Teacher of Year award, flowers yesterday (“We think you are the best, you were nominated for ToY”).

Birthday Book Club

- Ms. Foley huge supporter; Margie and Chris help out; another mom helping with invitations; Marsha Bradley and Chris help Karen check kids out. Eleven kids yesterday; 33 new books to library shelves this year

Military Support Committee (formerly Community Service Committee)

- MES has adopted a Medical Unit in Khowst will have flier out next week, article in newsletter
- TSgt Hartman rotated home

Cultural Arts

- Family night Thursday, afternoon program for kids; has helpers for Thursday evening; Will have cheap food, get people to come to the show

Earth Day

- Roxanna is starting to plan; will have a map of areas to be worked on and will give grades responsibility for specific sections; must clean up each area before planting
- Ms. Brendle will ask Marcel to spray for poison ivy before Earth Day.
- Use Fifth Graders to spread mulch, they liked it last year

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Fundraising

- Meeting Stephanie's house 2/11
- Paper got \$24;
- Skate Night profit \$608
- Sock Hop – March 13: Shamrock Sock Hop
- Over \$2,300 raised from Joe Corbi's
- Magic Books \$174 profit
- Question about how much we've gotten from ink cartridges: Robin Martin collects at work and sends to school; Ms. Brendle will ask about ink cartridges (Ginger)
- Spelling Bee in April; pledge sheet (amount of money for each correct word) going out before spring break, introduce new words after that—10 per week (50 total), then a test at end; teachers have agreed to help with introducing the words to kids and give final test on May 15th. PTA volunteers will grade over the weekend, mark pledge sheets and give them back. Special needs kids will be tested at the end of each week on those 10 and cumulative total will be recorded.

Book Fair

- Lori has attended training, start planning in March (First day of Spring Fair is April 27th, set up on the 24th probably)

Box Tops for Education

- Still collecting; Got check for \$636.70 recently

Chili Fiesta

- Letters going out to businesses for donations

Receipts

- Register cards with Safeway and Giant so school will get money

Flea Market

- March 21st; drop off 20th if have stuff for MES general sale (on stage); if want booth \$20; outside vendors as well – flier coming out.
- Need helpers to set up tables Friday March 20th; after school—3:30-4:00. Can set up after 4 on Friday; if want to drop off something baked to be sold, can drop off on Friday; Sharon will do Newsletter article

Hospitality

- Deli days to be picked for Feb with Ms. Corey

Membership

- Two more teachers, two more families. No article this month.

Newsletter

- Articles to Marsha by Friday, 13 February
- Send to Stephanie, Annie first

Safety Committee - No report

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Website

- Check frequently for updates

Yearbook Committee

- Raffle free one to PAID teacher PTA member
- Chris – will be selling 5th grade farewells, ½ or full page; increasing price by a dollar to help recoup cost from last year. \$18 til end of February, then will go up after that; Julie Sauer doing flier and Ms. Brendle approved yesterday and will go out soon. Can reduce numbers after first run. Next year want to have kids pick cover.
- Desperate need of pictures! Will remind people of specific events for which they need pictures
- Chris to take pictures of charms and March charm-giving (March 4th)
- Third, Fourth grade classes need pictures in particular
- Need face pictures—smiling faces

School

Principal's Report

- Monday will have Multi-Cultural Chat; Dr. Maxwell asked for all schools to participate in some form of conversation/program on Feb 9th with families (Media Center); MES has lots of diversity. What do parents want to see, not just from Cultural Arts (1.5 hours), Very informal.

Calendar:

- February School newsletter not yet out.
- Connect Ed Messages helpful (Bob Moser); Know 2-hour early dismissals are a problem – transportation and teachers association of AAC, so when high schools are out, elementary schools get out early too.
- Wednesday school opened late; second graders were supposed to go to Annapolis Symphony; AS cancelled the trip, the money will be put into a different trip; not allowed to write individual checks to families for refunds
- Next Wed is 100th day of school; doing 100 exercises; 5th grade meeting with Old Mill South Principal, guidance counselor
- Fri 13th – If got penguin also got ticket for popsicle; popsicles will be given out at lunches; 322 out of 360 students got penguin
- School closed on Feb. 16th
- Next Awards assembly is Mon 2/23: Intermediate 0900; Primary (1-2) 1015.
 - Cultural Arts teachers will let parents know if they are getting something in case it's the only thing they are getting.
- March 11th – Muffins for Mom 8:15 coffee juice, muffins, with staff; 9:00 will go to classrooms
- March 17-18th, 24-25th - MSA days for 3-5th graders
- April 3rd - 2-hour early dismissal
- April 8th - Grandparents' Day
- April 9, 10, 13 - Closed for Easter
- April 15th Spring Pictures; total school, panoramic, 5th grade
- April 30th Awards assembly

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- June 9th last day of school; Fifth Grade graduation
- Gave Stephanie Caruso and Annie Medford some ideas for teacher involvement for next year

Teachers' Report –

- Autism Awareness activities - week in April – Lauren Riley in charge of that
- Spelling Bee – 4-5th graders excited about it

Move to adjourn Meeting: Cathy Palmer

Second: Karin Dorsey

Meeting adjourned: 11:28