



PTA Meeting

Tuesday June 3, 2014

In Attendance: Michele Tregoning, Lori Marshall, Lori Andrus, Macie Mogot, Shobha Rajan, Lee Derby, Spencer Delisle, Karina Hirschhorn, Jen Coakley, Lauren Birrer, Laurie Whitney, Holly Jankowski, Anita Young, Amanda Parsad, Annie Karp.

7:00 - 7:05 pm **Call to order and Welcome- President's report - Michele Tregoning, PTA President.**

- Welcome and thank you all for coming.
- May meeting minutes were approved.

7:05 – 7:25 pm **Officer's Reports**

Correspondence/Secretary's Report—Shobha Rajan

- We received a wonderful note from Mrs. Eschelman thanking the PTA for the purchasing the Keyboard in the Fall as it has helped so many musicians. The note was passed around for everyone present to read.

Treasurer's Report - Lori Marshall

- We made lots of teacher reimbursements this past month.
- We got money from the Spring Dance, Sprit night, and the Book fair.
- All the money from Read-a-thon is in and accounted for.
- Wrote checks for Cultural Arts assembly, Field trips, and Chorus music.
- Wrote a check for the Magic show at Ice cream social, Middle school clothing and also for the patrol picnic.
- The liability insurance for the PTA for next year is renewed and paid.
- Staff fund has not been fully used yet, but teachers need to spend the money and get the receipts in to the PTA before the end of school.

7:25 – 7:35 pm Staff Liaison Report – Karina Hirschhorn

- Ms. Daly has sent an email thanking the PTA for the Teacher appreciation week.
- The Kindergarten team thanks the PTA and especially Jen Coakley for helping with Kindergarten Orientation.
- Mr. Jansson thanks the PTA for its support during the Field days as it would not have been possible without all the parent volunteers.
- Mrs. Jackson sends a huge thank you to the PTA for booking the Clarksburg High School for the

Chorus concerts.

- The Book fair is going on in the Media center and the students are all excited.
- Thanks for the Teacher appreciation week, it was very good and filled with lots of surprises.
- Science assembly was a huge hit and everyone enjoyed it.
- Family picnic was a success with lots of activities.
- We will be having a summer media program in July on Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm.
 - There might be a book discussion for older kids.
 - We are going to stick to the number of pages a student reads instead of the number of books.
 - Still working on the reward system and the appreciation they will get when they get back to school.
 - There will be a representative from the MCPL at the Ice cream social to kick off summer reading.

7:35 – 7:45 pm **Principal's report – Lee Derby**

- We have installed a new door which gives access only to the front office and so there is limited access to the school.
- The new landscaping looks so good, thanks to the LandGard committee.
- The year book is out and looks good. Very limited copies are available for purchase.
- We received the Plaque for Pennies for patients today, as we raised \$2,400. It will be included in our display.
- Last Friday we went to the Youth Summit at Sandy point with around 40 of our 4th graders who have been doing recycling. Our students enjoyed all the learning stations there and had lots of fun. Maryland Gov. O' Malley came and spoke at the summit and the kids were very entertained.
- Tomorrow is the Volunteer reception at our courtyard from 3-4 pm, we hope everyone can join us.
- Individual class and group level parties are going on.
- 5th grade promotion is next week.
- Tuesday afternoon is the farewell. We took a picture with all our students as it is a tradition when there is a boundary change and we have students leaving our school.
- The students who will be leaving us to go to the new school will get a little souvenir, a cute little bear.
- We will have the clap out for the 5th graders and the step up for our other students. They will be visiting their next grade level classes, though it does not mean they will be in that teacher's class next year.
- Thanks to the PTA board for their service this year.
- Thanks to Mrs. Hirschhorn for holding the Kindergarten museum this year, it was really interesting.
- Enjoyed the Spring Picnic as well, face painting was amazing.

7:45 - 7:55 pm **Committee Reports**

Family Picnic – Amanda Parsad: It was a successful event, goal was to break even, but ended up making some extra money. Made \$1900 on ticket sales. Kona Ice gave a check of \$125 at the end of the event.

Ice cream social: The Ice cream social is going to be held on June 5th at Rocky Hill Middle school. We are going to be having the magic show and also a representative from MCPL to kick off the Summer reading program. The fliers went out and you can still send in the forms and walk-ins are also welcome.

Rodell Lee scholarship Winner – Laurie Whitney: This scholarship is awarded in honor of Rodell Lee, a former Cedar Grove student who drowned in a pool. Healthtrax is giving the winner a month of free Swimming lessons this year as well. We had 23 applications this year and the winner this year is Hannah Woo, 3rd grade. She has been notified and is excited about it. She will read her essay in the morning news.

Steven Turner Scholarship Winner – Laurie Whitney: This scholarship is awarded by former Cedar Grove parents who lost their child to a drunken driver. It is a \$250 scholarship, for which former Cedar Grove students who are in High school now can apply. This year we had 4 applications and the winner is Cassiane Mavromatis. She is graduating from Damascus High school this year.

7:55 – 8:05 pm Old and New Business

No old business; New Business:

- Mrs. Woo had asked the PTA if the field trip money that had been allocated to her grade level could be rolled over and used for next year as they did not get to make it this year. It was decided that it could not be done as would not be fair as it would not benefit the same kids; if it was being done it should only be rolled over to the 4th grade. Discussion concluded with the fact that each budget line item is pertinent for that fiscal year.
- Kona Ice gives us \$125 from what they make at our events. They say they have lots of options like Kona gift cards and he can bring his truck and serve 300 kids at a time. It looks like we can discuss during our budget meeting to have him more at our events.
 - Mrs. Hirschhorn suggested that during the Summer reading in July we can have Kona bring the truck on Wednesdays so the students can get the ice when they leave.
 - It was also suggested to have the truck during Open house as kids meet the teachers and leave.
- Michele Tregoning asked about a fair sum for us to give the new PTA of Wims ES as 150 students are moving to Wims ES.
 - Little Bennett is giving \$2000 to the new PTA of Wims Elementary school.
 - Lori Marshall suggested we give \$1000 as we could afford it from our budget and that it would be very helpful for new PTA. Mr. Delisle approved the idea.
 - Mrs. Hirschhorn made a motion to give \$1000 to Wims ES PTA and the motion was approved.
- Mr. Derby suggested to have 2 additional PTA positions
 - Room parent coordinator – It would be helpful to have one person in charge of coordinating the room parents. Also like to have a room parent handbook. Mrs. Hirschhorn offered her services to help with the handbook, and suggested that a committee be formed this summer to put together a “job description” and classroom parent handbook to give out at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
 - After School Activity coordinator – It would be helpful to have 1 person knowing all the

information about what activities are being offered and when. This would be extremely helpful with communication issues, disseminating information.

- Mrs. Birrer would like to have suggestions for the Teacher auctions for next year.
- PTA board elections:
 - We have on our ballot Holly Jankowski for President, Annie Karp and Amy Hoffacker for Vice-Presidents, Anita Young for Treasurer and Michele Tregoning for Secretary.
 - We make a motion that they are on the ballot.
 - All in favor.
 - Congratulations to the new board.

8:10pm Mrs. Tregoning adjourned the meeting.