



PTA Meeting

Tuesday January 7, 2014

In Attendance: Michele Tregoning, Lori Andrus, Macie Mogot, Lori Marshall, Shobha Rajan, Lee Derby, Spencer Delisle, Karina Hirschhorn and Jen Coakley.

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

- Welcome to the first PTA meeting of the New Year.
- December meeting minutes are approved.
- The PTA web site has been hacked and we are trying to get it back up again.
- There is a public rally in Annapolis to save educational funding on January 10. It is a chance to talk about overcrowding in our schools to the legislators. Bus service will be available from the Carver Educational Center.

Correspondence/Secretary's Report—Shobha Rajan

- There has been no correspondence this month.

The Treasurer's Report—Lori Marshall

- We have deposited money from Fall Harvest festival, Spirit wear and Joe Corbi.
- Wrote checks for First grade field trip, ICB cost for our spring concert, Cultural assemblies and lunch room incentives.
- Boxtops were sent in.

Staff Liaison Report – Karina Hirschhorn

- We need parent volunteers for Earth day, and Mrs. Hirschhorn will send Jen Coakley the Earth Day station/volunteer list to get recruitment started. The Earth Day celebration is scheduled for April 27 from 2-4 pm this year.
- Amy Hoffacker has extended the sign-up genius on our school web site until the end of the school year, to allow potential media volunteers to sign up to help in the media center. We especially need help in the afternoons, as our media assistant is usually available in the mornings.
- The media center was closed this afternoon as there were no parent volunteers. This means that students could not check out books. We really are in need of volunteers to keep our media center open for circulation.
- The Science expo will be held on January 23 from 7-8 pm. The shuttle running from the church to Cedar Grove will begin services at 6 through 7pm. Set up for young scientists is at 6:30pm.

Principal's Report—Lee Derby

- The Chorus and Instrumental music concerts which were held at the Clarksburg High school were really wonderful. The auditorium was full.
- Winter wonderland was lots of fun and the kids were very excited.
- We received a plaque from Toys for tots as our SGA toy drive collected the most number of toys.
- This is a huge testing time of the year in our school.
 - K-2 are taking the MClass testing.
 - MAP P, MAP M and MAP R testing.
 - ESOL testing.
 - Some 3rd graders took the Gifted and Talented test today.
- Next Friday is the end of the 2nd marking period.
- Thanks to Mrs. Hirschhorn for writing a grant that, if awarded, will allow all grade levels to take free field trips to Red Wiggler Farm.
- We have found out that 115 of our students will be moving to the new school.
- Mr. Sean McGee has been selected to be the principal at the new Clarksburg cluster ES effective January 22, 2014. He will start the school naming committee, and his office will be at Clarksburg Elementary school. We will be working with him on the transition.
- Cluster budget testimony is on January 16th.

7:50 Committee Reports

Bingo Night: The Bingo night was held at Rocky Hill MS and it was a huge success. We didn't make a profit, but Mrs. Hoffacker purchased extra prizes, which will be used for the Bingo event in Spring. Thanks to Mr. Delisle, Ms. Burgdorf, Ms. Carroll, and Mr. Moxley for being celebrity Bingo callers and to Sarenee Hawkins and Michele Tregoning for helping. We need more volunteers to help with this event on March.

Old and New Business

- The PTA By-laws are due and the board met at Lori Marshall's house and reviewed them.
- On page 7, Article VI, section.2 under e. we are making a small change. "An officer shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office **except for the Treasurer**. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms."
- The Bylaws are posted on the listserve for review and we will vote on it during our next PTA meeting. Then we have to send the by-laws and meeting minutes as they were approved by March 1st. It could take 4 months to be approved. We just need to have them to the MDPTA office by March 1st in order to be in compliance.
- Volunteers needed for Read-a-thon. Please contact Michele Tregoning if you are interested in helping with this.

8:00pm Mrs. Tregoning adjourned the meeting.