

**BOARD MINUTES-UNAPPROVED
Maple Hills PTA
Wednesday, November 19, 2008**



Soaring to New Heights

(note: motions passed, Board decisions, and action items are in **bold**)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Vice President Rebecca Carter. The meeting was held in the PTA portable. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pam Stucky had previously distributed via e-mail the minutes from the October meeting. **Motion was made and seconded to approve the October minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Friel distributed the fiscal report covering the past month and the year-to-date. We currently have \$16,604.73 in General funds, \$1,623 in Emergency Prep funds, and \$30,838.89 in a CD (including interest). The CD comes due on December 10th, and will be automatically deposited into the General fund.

- Christina Stempson sent us a thank you for our contribution for an EA for the Reading Zone. She is excited to be able to offer services 5 days a week instead of just 3!
- Our donation to the Issaquah Schools Foundation was heartily appreciated
- Taxes for last year and our yearly renewal as a non-profit corporation have been filed

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

SITE COUNCIL

Last met on October 17th; and the next meeting is this Friday, November 12th. The grade levels reported on how they do parties – parent feedback leans toward fewer parties and being curriculum related. Camp Colman was also discussed – issues include time required by the office staff, scholarship criteria, sending the school nurse, and fundraising. Parent feedback overwhelmingly supports camp no matter what - discussions on this subject will continue.

PTSA COUNCIL

- The WASL will be 2 days shorter – not sure what other changes will occur with a new state Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Maywood Middle School and Liberty High School are planning to be remodeled in 2010-2011 or so
- District PTA membership currently at 88%
- Levy issues for next year may be maintenance, transportation, technology, and capital construction – committee to make final decision in the spring
- Chad Magendanz was elected to the open school board position – Maywood and Maple Hills parent
- The school district's website has been redesigned – much more user-friendly
- Legislative Roundtable is Thursday, November 20th from 7-9pm at Newcastle Elementary – opportunity to talk to our legislators about education funding

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently have 411 members, so we need just 13 more to achieve 100% membership. Sheryl Beeman will be sending out reminders/envelopes to those who have not yet joined.

- Yearbook: Dawn Peschek sent an e-mail asking for volunteers to take pictures at school events, and has received plenty of responses, including a dad who's starting his own photography business! **We discussed a time frame for the cover contest amongst the 5th graders, and thought January would be best.**
- Parent Ed: Rebecca will get a "parenting advice" article in to Leslie for the December newsletter. The "Love and Logic" seminar has been scheduled for December 8th at Newcastle Elementary – more details coming soon.

ONGOING PROGRAMS REPORT

- Art Docent: Anna Ream came and shared ideas for using student art as a fundraiser for the art program, or as items at the Auction. We could make note cards, or T-shirts and sell them. We would need a computer and a scanner to be able to really do this, but if we were able to get these donated, where would we put them? Anna also shared information about the website Artsonia.com, which offers many products made out of kids' artwork, but again, we'd need to be able to scan in art and e-mail it to them. Maybe we would be able to have one or two parents from each class that would be able to scan the artwork for that class. Since we weren't sure how much support there might be for such a program, plus exactly how much work using Artsonia would involve, we felt a trial run would be a good idea. We decided to use 2nd grade as the "test group" – **Anna and Sally Smith would work on flyers to send home to the 2nd grade parents explaining the project.**
- Eagle Reader: Clubhouse is today
- Student Banking: Susie Smith needs more helpers to help with banking on Tuesdays from 9am to about 9:45am, and also is looking for someone to take over for next year

ONE-TIME EVENTS REPORT

- Science Fair: have chairs, but need to have a date. We mentioned possibly having it on the same night as the Pacific Science Center van, which is scheduled for March 30th – 31st. **Trecy Trimble would check the master calendar in the office for potential dates.**
- Pizza Bingo, Field Day: these events now have chairs
- Math Team: still need chairs for the 4th grade and 5th grade teams
- Variety Show: auditions will be held on December 17th at 1:30pm. The dress rehearsal will be January 7th, and the show itself is January 9th. Currently there are only plans for an evening show, but **Trecy will talk to the teachers about having a daytime performance.** Only students currently attending Maple Hills may participate.

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Volunteers of the month are Sonia Wright, Cheri Murch (Kindergarten volunteers) and Marcy Rand (Reflections chair).

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

- Box Tops: expecting a check soon for just over \$1000 – Rosamond's class brought in the most Box Tops
- Eagle Sales: not all items have arrived, so won't distribute until everything received, hopefully after Thanksgiving

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- Popcorn: machine has been fixed, and is working great!
- PACE: they are creating a reminder flyer for us (the holiday shopping season is here!), so it will be distributed soon
- eScrip: this is one of our "passive" fundraisers (along with Albertsons, Issaquah Press, corporate matching funds, etc.) that should have a one-page flyer sent home at the beginning of the school year (and maybe again in the spring) describing how to become involved.

AUCTION

- Procurement meeting tonight, and will ramp up soon.
- Meeting with the auctioneer, John Curley, next week to listen to his suggestions regarding the auction.
- Underwriting/in-kind donation proposals have not been well received, so they will be reworking the media/sponsor packet and keep trying. We'll have to rely on parents and the companies they work for as opposed to outside donors – companies are more likely to donate if they are approached by an employee, since they'll have a vested interest in the charity.
- Only 2 more chair positions to fill.
- Art Enrichment will be the "Raise the Paddle" focus, and are working with Lana Matson (Art Docent chair) and the teachers to establish specifics.
- Expect to see more "notes going home" after Christmas, with information booths at most PTA-sponsored events starting in January.
- The computer program is up and running.
- They are working on ticket pricing, so hopefully will have a decision by the December Board meeting.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

- Student Directory: Directory is finished, and Leslie Waltzer will be photocopying it and distributing it as soon as possible. One addition is having page numbers in the student name section that reference the individual class pages. We discussed printing it at school vs. an outside company and agreed that it was more expensive and time-consuming to do it at school. Rebecca mentioned Minuteman Press had reasonable prices compared to Staples or Kinko's. We discussed exactly how many to distribute, which should be only one per family, but only to those who are PTA members. **Joan would give Leslie a count of how many families/staff members have paid for PTA memberships.** We also discussed how to improve the directory input form for next year.
- Committees/events without chairs: Math Team, Financial Review, Staff Appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Joan Friel, Acting Secretary