

**MWES PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**01/12/09, 7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Recorded by Amy Crawford, Recording Secretary

**PTA President – Barbara Ohnmacht**

Minutes from November's meeting were reviewed. (There was no meeting in December). Mr. Don Hester made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Breslow seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.

**First VP – Greg Thomas** – No report.

**Treasurer – Kevin Slack**

There has been no eScript money coming in. It is expected to come in February 2009. Kevin has been fine-tuning the events by month and looking at actual money vs. budgeted money. We still have \$20K in the bank. Teachers can still apply for stipends. The Fall Book Fair at Barnes and Noble raised approximately \$900. Basket Bingo is scheduled for March 27, 2009.

**PTA President – Barbara Ohnmacht**

Barb reported that the traverse wall was approved via the email vote to members, and it will be installed tomorrow. Before the wall is used, a liability letter needs to be signed by the Superintendent.

Fundraising is dramatically down, and we need to cut all unnecessary spending.

**Corresponding Secretary - Amy Lowe** – A card was sent to Mrs. Jacobson.

**Recording Secretary - Amy Crawford** – Meeting minutes from previous PTA meetings will be emailed to Jane Jones to post on the PTA's website.

**Principal – Jim Weisner**

Mr. Weisner thanked the PTA for the luncheon for teachers in December 2008.

We are halfway through the year. Report cards will go home on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Conferences are Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports are scheduled to go home three days after conferences, and Mr. Weisner has decided that progress reports will only be sent to parents who don't come into conferences. He will make staffing projections in the middle of February.

There is no school on January 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Day. On Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, the children will watch portions of the Inauguration in their pods.

There are currently 611 students enrolled.

Fourth graders will participate in testing for America's Report Card on January 29, 2009.

Mrs. Leslie spoke about Guest Reader Day, scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. She is having representatives from the fire dept., police dept, and school board come into school to read to the students.

Manor Woods will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. during an Open House with cookies and punch.

**Assistant Principal – Carol Hahn** - No report.

### **Committee Reports**

**PTA Council Delegate – Marc Norman** - No report.

#### **Fall Book Fair – Karen Chase**

The Book Fair was very successful, and we raised \$900.

#### **Fun Day – Don Hester**

Don met with Laura Cochran to discuss Fun Day logistics. He has confirmed a balloon sculptor for the event, and he is currently investigating prizes. The possibility of a dunking booth was discussed as well as the possibility of Mr. Weisner playing Wii games (Outdoor Challenge) with the kids. He will be ordering t-shirts soon. Fun Day is scheduled for April 24, 2009.

#### **Basket Bingo – Adrienne Taylor**

Event is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2009. Karen Buron is heading up prizes. Adrienne is considering having Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags as prizes. Economy is tight and donations are down. Mrs. Varlotta will donate the staff basket. Numerous volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event. Courtney Kelly, volunteer coordinator, will help recruit volunteers to help with the event.

#### **Student Council - Mrs. Breslow**

The Student Council is collecting pop tabs from soda cans as a fundraiser. The program benefits the Ronald McDonald House. The Student Council made \$1,000 last year through the Pop Tabs program.

**Green School Committee – Stacy Ichniowski**

Volunteers are still needed for Trash Free Tuesdays every other week. A poster on how to pack a “Trash Free” lunch will be put in each team.

**Reflections - Lynne Pagan**

A new chairperson will be needed for next year.

**Fundraising – Kim Harvill**

Volunteers are needed to distribute food on Market Day pickup days.

**Reading Campaign – Carol Kressen**

Reading campaign reinforces daily habit of reading. Reading campaign runs through March. Pizza coupons are a big hit with the children.

**Book Exchange – Adrienne Taylor**

Adrienne is wondering if the program should continue in the future. Students at Manor Woods are very fortunate to have personal book collections. However, for those students who do not have many books, this is a special event for them. There will be one week of donating books and one day of picking out new books. Books will be collected April 15 – 22, and children will pick up books on April 27, 2009.

**Ducktales – Francine Bennett**

Electronic version went out in eSchool newsletter without names of children. She will also look into putting the electronic version on the PTA website. Parents can also request a hard copy of Ducktales. January 28<sup>th</sup> is the next deadline for Ducktales.

**SIT – Angel Bivens**

The next SIT meeting is January 28, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**