

**MWES PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**02/11/08, 7:00 p.m.**

Recorded by Amy Crawford, Recording Secretary

**PTA President – Angel Bivens**

Angel welcomed all to the meeting. The members reviewed the minutes from the PTA meeting on January 14, 2008. Barbara Ohnmacht made a motion to approve the minutes and Jane Jones seconded the motion.

**First VP - Greg Thomas**

No report.

**Second VP - Barbara Ohnmacht**

Barb provided an overview of the Market Day fundraiser program and the “Taste of Market Day” one-day trial of the program. The Executive Board has decided to participate in the trial program. We may be able to make \$1200 in one day. Food orders can be taken online, via paper orders, or purchased on the day of the trial. The trial period has a limited menu. A four-hour period is needed for set-up, volunteers are needed for two hours, and customers have a two-hour window to pick up food. Six to 8 volunteers are needed to run the event. The company takes back any food not picked up by the customer. We must sell \$3,000 worth of food in order to not pay any fees. The only concern Barbara has is who is going to run this program? We would need to have four Market Days per year. We would get 40 percent profit from trial Market Days and only 10 percent profit from a monthly market day. The company will provide us with samples to distribute. A school typically makes \$10,000 per year doing this fundraiser, and the food is good quality. The company also offers a holiday catalog, which includes wrapping paper. We discussed using the “survey monkey” to poll PTA members to see how often they would like to have Market Days. It was decided during the meeting to do the Taste of Market Day trial and then send out the survey. Barbara will pick a date for this event with Mrs. Hahn.

**Treasurer – Jayne Miller**

Jayne reported that we will be \$2200 short in our budget this year, but we do have money in surplus, so she anticipates we will end the year with \$5864. Basket Bingo will most likely make \$3500. Anna Spring asked whether the PTA is purchasing recess equipment this year or Rainy Day games. This year the PTA is purchasing recess equipment. Jayne Miller made a motion to put \$250 into the hospitality account because Marcia Ravasio needs the money for her committee. Mr. Weisner may have some ideas of where to cut money in the budget in order to give Marcia’s committee the money. Jane Jones made a motion to give Marcia \$200. Greg Thomas seconded the motion. We will count on Market Day to give us the money we need.

**Corresponding Secretary - Amy Lowe**

No report.

**Recording Secretary - Amy Crawford**

No report.

**PTA President - Angel Bivens**

Our by-laws were approved. Officers need to be elected in April. We need to put together a nominating committee at tonight’s meeting. Nominating committee will put together a slate of

officers. Virginia Slack will chair the nominating committee. Laura Bird and Christy Fratta will help make calls to all current officers to see if they will continue. Angel made a motion to vote all three women into the nominating committee. The motion passed.

Angel informed members of a Summer Leadership Conference to be held July 26, 2008. The Maryland PTA Convention will be Nov. 14 & 15, 2008.

### **Anna Spring**

Anna Spring, PE teacher, asked the PTA permission to use Field Day money in our budget to buy PE equipment for a needy school. \$650 could be donated to a needy school instead of using this money to buy students' prizes or souvenirs for the event. A motion was made by Angel to donate \$650. The motion passed.

### **Principal – Jim Weisner**

Parent/teacher conferences went well. Mr. Weisner discussed the possibility of having parents register online for conferences in the future. The front office, Mr. Weisner, and Mrs. Hahn currently schedule appointments and this process is very time-consuming. Mr. Weisner wants feedback about online registration at a later meeting.

Kindergarten registration is March 3 – 7, 2008. Progress Reports will be sent out at the end of the month. There will be a staffing meeting on March 5, 2008 to discuss whether MWES will gain or lose staff members.

We are officially partnered with the Pink Cabbage store on Frederick Road. There are 17 vendors within this store.

MWES currently has 602 students enrolled.

Mr. Weisner spoke of a new program called “Manners for the Manor.” Two interns will help with this program.

Mr. Weisner thanked everyone for their support following the death of his mother and the PTA's donation to the American Cancer Society.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Reading Campaign - Adrienne Taylor**

There are three bulletin boards decorated with Flat Ducklings. The Reading Buddies program will begin next week, and the book exchange is this week.

### **Cultural Arts – Gina Brown (reported by Angel Bivens)**

The “YOJO” mascot will be coming on March 13, 2008 to support the state testing for the upper grades (grades 3 – 5 at 2 p.m.).

A Chinese artist is scheduled to come for Field Day and also as a tie-in to the summer Olympics.

Gina will be starting the grant process soon for the artist-in-residence.

We may be having an author come to our school for a school-wide program. We have committed money with another local elementary school to bring him to MWES.

**Reflections – Lynne Pagan (reported by Angel Bivens)**

Three kids from MWES had their work go on to the state level. Bailee Thomas in Visual Arts; Nathan Collahuazo in Photography; and Kurt Knoernschild in Music Competition. Lynne will run Reflections for one more year at MWES and she has volunteered to organize the Reflections program at the county level next year. She would like someone to work with her next year as it will be her last year.

**Basket Bingo – Adrienne Taylor**

Parent donations are being organized. Donations from businesses are coming in slowly. We will ask Market Day rep if they will donate anything for the event. Tickets are available for purchase. An email version of the donation flyer is available for distribution.

**Walking Program – Jane Jones**

The kids are walking when the weather cooperates! Mrs. Hahn wants to submit Manor Woods to Howard County for a “healthy award.” Jane Jones discovered an article in the *Sun* regarding “Marathon Kids” program in Austin, Texas, which is very similar to our program.

**Room Parents- Dawn Harvey**

Valentine’s Day parties are this week. Mr. Weisner expressed concern about room parents deviating from the room parent guidebook.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.**