

**MWES PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**10/8/07, 7:00 p.m.**

Recorded by Amy Crawford, Recording Secretary

**PTA President – Angel Bivens**

Angel asked everyone to review the minutes from the PTA meeting on 9/17/07. Linda Spano made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Bowen seconded the motion.

**First VP - Greg Thomas**

No report.

**Second VP - Barbara Ohnmacht**

No report.

**Treasurer - Jayne Miller**

Jayne reminded committee chairs to submit receipts in a timely manner. Jayne received the audit report and there were only two items from last year which she did not have receipts for, Back to School Picnic being one of them.

We currently have \$7103 in our bank account. We are receiving lots of Safeway bucks – over \$4500 so far this year.

**Corresponding Secretary - Amy Lowe**

No report.

**Recording Secretary - Amy Crawford**

No report.

**PTA President - Angel Bivens**

Angel discussed whether we would like to help with the breakfast for the Homewood School teachers again this year. Greg Thomas will speak to Marcia Ravasio about whether we want to organize the event or get another school to do it.

Sally Foster sales are down dramatically this year (almost by \$1000). The sales deadline has been extended. Angel suggested that we should consider other fundraisers for next year. Barbara Ohnmacht will chair a sub-committee to investigate other possible fundraisers. Lisa Cooksey, Linda Spano, and Greg Thomas will be on this committee. Kim Harvill would most likely continue to chair the Sallie Foster gift wrap program next year. A suggestion was made to perhaps sell school calendars with advertising space. PTA dues could also increase to \$10 next year, with perhaps online registration.

PTA website

Mr. Weisner has agreed to allow the PTA to download software onto a school computer. It would be relatively cheap to get a website. We would have to pay for the U.R.L. address and a content management program (approx. \$80). Dawn Harvey's husband has volunteered to do the website development. The PTA website could be linked to Manor Woods' website. Mr. Weisner reported that Ashley Armstrong will be updating the MWES website soon.

We can start emailing the PTA minutes to current members. Amy Crawford, Recording Secretary, will try to email a draft of the minutes to members within a week of the meeting. The minutes will be in a PDF file.

### **PTA Council - Marc Norman**

MWES PTA will participate in the coat drive beginning 11/5/07. Hats, mittens, coats, and sweatshirts will be collected.

Our by-laws are overdue to the Council. Angel will forward them to the Council.

We should consider assisting with teacher appreciation events at the Homewood School and ARL (Applications and Research Lab). Council dues are due by 11/107. Jayne Miller reported we have already mailed in our dues.

Marc also spoke about the Planning and Growth Committee. MWES is currently not a "closed" school. Some MWES students will most likely be redistricted to Waverly Elementary in 2010. Students who live in Turf Valley will most likely be moved; decision will be made in 2009. The county has the option to buy land back (25 acres) for a new school in Turf Valley; Marc urged us to pay attention to meetings on this topic.

### **Principal – Jim Weisner**

Parent/Teacher conferences will be Nov. 19, 20, and 21, 2007.

We currently have 601 students enrolled. This time last year, we had 640 students. In 2003, we had 688 students.

The technology position is working out great. MWES has 1.5 tech teachers in 2 separate rooms.

Carol Hahn is beginning to feel better. She will return to school at the end of October. School will be closed on Oct. 19, 2007. Math and Language Arts Night will be Oct. 23, 2007. The Halloween parties and parade will be on Oct. 31, beginning at 2:00. Nov. 1 is the end of the marking period, and Nov. 13 report cards will be sent home. SIT (School Improvement Team) will meet on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Fall Bookfair – Karen Chase**

Event will be held at Barnes & Noble at Long Gate shopping center on Nov. 5, 2007 from 6:30-8 p.m. Vouchers are good all day. There will be a teacher's wishlist table this year. Café sales will also be included this year.

**Membership – Jennifer Peffall**

We only have 200 PTA members so far. Jennifer will send out another mailing to increase membership. We will have a table set up at Math/Language Arts night to attract new members. Everyone should sign up their spouses! Only PTA members will receive school directories. Not everyone in the school seems aware of that fact, so we will try to advertise this better.

**Reading Campaign - Adrienne Taylor**

This year the campaign will use “Flat Stanley” to see where the ducks went. Book exchange will be held during Media time. We will try to collect books from middle schoolers this year so we will have books to interest the upper grades.

**SIT**

We need a SIT rep. Linda Spano attends as a parent, not as the official PTA rep.

**Basket Bingo – Adrienne Taylor**

Room parents can help with soliciting donations for various baskets this year. There will be a fundraising sub-committee this year to coordinate solicitations.

**After-School Programs – Cheryl Brown**

Another Magic class has been added for November due to popularity. Mr. Weisner complimented Cheryl Brown and Lisa Delmonte for a superb job coordinating these programs. Students who attend programs in Music Room #2 should NOT touch the instruments!

**Variety Show – Maralee Henderson**

Variety Show will be held on November 9, 2007.

**Walking Program –Jane Jones**

Walking program is underway and going well. Toe tokens will be given out next week. Golden Shoe award will be given to winning class every four weeks. Teachers’ laps count towards their class’s laps. Event on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> went well, and personal trainer was a big hit.

**Ducktales – Francine Bennett**

Ducktales will be coming out soon. Articles are due again on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Room Parents- Dawn Harvey**

Room parent training meeting was last week. Meeting was well attended.

**Citizen’s Advisory Council – Jae Choi**

Jae volunteered for this position after the last meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.**