

MWES PTA Meeting Minutes
11/12/07, 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by Barbara Ohnmacht, filling in for Amy Crawford, Recording Secretary

PTA President – Angel Bivens

The members reviewed the minutes from PTA meeting on 10/8/07. Adrienne Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

First VP - Greg Thomas

No report.

Second VP - Barbara Ohnmacht

No report.

Treasurer - Jayne Miller

Sally Foster sales are down but are on target for budget.

Corresponding Secretary - Amy Lowe

No report.

Recording Secretary - Amy Crawford

No report.

PTA President - Angel Bivens

Jane Jones and Ms. Armstrong attended a website design class. Jane Jones has agreed to build and maintain the website this year.

Jane Jones made a motion to add a line item to the PTA budget to build a website. Mr. Weisner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PTA Council - Marc Norman

PTA Council is still collecting coats and gloves for Howard County students.

Principal – Jim Weisner

Ms. Hahn is back at school but unable to attend the PTA meeting tonight.

American Education Week started today and MWES had 130 visitors come today.

Parent conferences are scheduled Nov. 19 and 20. If you want a conference with a specials teachers, make a call to the office this week to schedule and appointment.

Current enrollment stands at 595 students.

Nov. 27 – SIT meeting

All the PTA functions and events have run very smoothly this year. Thanks to all the committee chairmen who have coordinated the events and communicated fully with the front office.

Tim Malarky, a past MWES student, is completing an Eagle Scout project consisting of improving the front area of the school.

The renovated school yard work is well underway and looking good. This area will not be available for another year.

Ms. Mercer has asked parents in attendance at the PTA meeting to add feedback on the school climate survey. She handed out blue feedback sheets and asked that the feedback sheets are sent back in addressed to her attention.

Ms. Thomas reported on the feedback to the Language Arts/Math evening. 90% parents said they would attend another evening program like this in the future. Please let Mr. Weisner if you have any comments on the evening events.

Committee Reports

Fall Bookfair – Karen Chase

The Fall Book Fair raised \$1100. Next year it will not be scheduled a Monday, a Raven's Monday Night football game, or a Monday night after the day light savings time change because these event caused too many conflicts with MWES families. Overall though there was a great turn out by the MWES parents and families!

Cultural Arts – Angel Bivens reported for Gina Brown

Al Sanders and the Rhythm Express is scheduled for January 28. Slime Time is coming March 6 for 1st grade. MoJo is coming during MSA's testing. A Chinese artist is coming for Field Day.

Sally Foster – Angel Bivens reported

Everyone can still order Sally Fosters online. Overall sales are down slightly from last year.

Membership – Jennifer Peffall

Many more membership forms are still coming in.

Reading Campaign - Adrienne Taylor

Each student will get a duck cutout that students can send out to recipients across the USA. Book exchange is scheduled for January.

Reflections – Lynn Pagano

42 students participated in Reflections this year. Ms. Hahn is setting up a Reflections celebration for children who participated.

SIT

There is still no SIT representative. See Angel Bivens if interested in this position.

Basket Bingo – Adrienne Taylor

Karen Buron is acquisition committee. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday after Thanksgiving. The basket bingo event will include a blind bid auction. Bingo is scheduled for Friday April 4, and 244 seats are still available for the event.

After-School Programs – Cheryl Brown

Patty Cox has been wonderful with the After-School Programs. The magic program will be run in December. A drama program will be introduced in January and a performance will be scheduled at night to showcase what the children learned. Ms. Armstrong is setting up a photography club.

Variety Show – Shelby Malarky

Variety Show held on November 9, 2007 was a great success! Thanks to Shelby Malarky for coordinating the event.

Publicity – Angel Bivens reported

Contact Linda Spano if you are sponsoring a upcoming PTA event so she can publicize the event.

Walking Program – Jane Jones

Walking program is underway and going well. Golden Shoe award was given out this week and given out to winning class every four weeks. Toe tokens given out for the first section of walking tour.

Bulletin Boards – Gina McIntyre

Call Gina if you have anything that needs to be posted in the bulletin boards.

Ducktales – Francine Bennett

Ducktales will be coming out on December 7. Articles are due again on November 16th.

Hospitality – Marcia Revasio

During American Education Week, pretzels are provided for parents. During the parent/teacher conferences, the PTA will provide soups and baked goods to the teachers.

Room Parents- Dawn Harvey

Halloween parties went smoothly and the kids loved the day.

Blood Drive – Angel Bivens reported

A blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27.

Community Committee – Angel Bivens

Hats, coats and mittens donated. Thanks to all the generosity of all the families that donated.

Student Council – Ms. Breslow

The community food drive sponsored by the student council has low participation currently. Please let people know about the drive and participate. A recommendation was given that Ms. Breslow send out an Eschool Newsletter reminding parents about the food drive. Mr. Weisner stated that the newsletters are sent out Tuesdays and Fridays only.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.