

**McKinley School PTA
60 Thompson Street
Fairfield, CT 06825**

**General PTA Meeting
October 11, 2007
Library Media Center**

Call to Order 7:32 p.m.

Reading and Approval of September 24, 2007 General Minutes

Motion made to accept the minutes. Theresa Conte moved. Cliff Jones seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker

We introduced Kathleen Eigenrauch, Corporate Sales Manager of Commerce Bank to present a check to the PTA for our participation in the Student Banking program. McKinley is the first organization in this program to receive this donation by having met our threshold. Bev Greenop accepted a check in the amount of \$602.35. Kathleen also explained the details of the program.

Language Arts Consultants Presentation

Topic: Workshop Model of Teacher Reading and the Writing Process

Susan McMahon

Julie Sperrazza

Cheryl Smith

The language arts consultants gave a presentation of the program and how it is taught to the students in the classroom.

OLD BUSINESS

President-Elect Vacancy

Still in the process of looking for people who are interested in that position. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask a Board member for more info.

Gift Wrap Drive

Dinal reported that the goal was \$5,000 and it seem like we're at about \$4,000 at this point and we still have 10 more days. Last year's profit was \$5,265.00.

World's Fair Update

Two weeks and counting. We've had a lot of people volunteer and sign up but there is still plenty to do. Marie reported that they would be going out and placing signs in stores, etc. around town. Preparing the building signs is the next big task. We also need flags and banners.

Craft Fair Update

Bev reported they are still accepting applications for exhibitors for the fair on 11/17. They have received 4 applications. Have given a table to the 5th grade to use for a fundraiser and the student council has also requested the use of a table for their fundraising purposes. Both will be preparing some sort of handcraft to be sold. Total of 33 tables. The cost is \$60 per table for an 8' x 10' space. They bring their own table.

REPORTS

President's Report

9/28 was parent social/kids movie night. We had 100 children and 55 parents who socialized in the cafeteria.

Last Friday night was the family read-in night. About 40 families attended.

Principal's Report

Dr. Bernardoni reported that we continue to get new students. There have also been a couple of small staff changes. Almost all classes have gone of a field trip so far or are scheduled to go. As of this week all of the after-school activities are back up and running again. Many teachers went for Smart Board training. The first Smart Board will be located in the library. Goal is to have 4-6 of them in the building. The United Way programming was discussed. The Word of the Day is coming along well.

Cultural Arts

Bev met with her counterparts at the other feeder schools. Due to scheduling and budget constraints, they have decided to cancel the get-together with Blue Jupiter and the 5th grade children. They are looking at another way to put together a "mixer" type of party sometime around April. She has received the contract from Len Cabrall. He will appear on November 28th for two performances.

Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer

Cliff gave the treasurer report.

Ways and Means

Dinal reported that the initial pie sales (budgeted \$1,000 last year made \$1,300). This year \$1,500 was budgeted and as of today we have made \$1,800.00. If we sign up with the same company for the spring fundraiser there is a bonus if we sign up with them by the end of November. Entertainment books are moving along.

Volunteer Coordinators

Theresa Conte reported that last time we met there were 13 open positions, now there are 7. In particular we need chair people for the Holiday Show Reception and Reflections program.

PTA Council Representatives

No one present to give report.

Board of Ed Rep

Shawn reported on the meeting he attended earlier in the week. On the 25th they honored Ms. Mayeran and Dr. Clark spoke very highly of her. Also Mrs. Schallau received an award.

Membership Representatives

288 members right now. Target is 350. All certified teachers are members.

Corresponding Secretary

We received a thank you from American Cancer Research for the donation and a card from Michael Steele's parents that was read aloud.

Teacher Representative

Kathy Reddy reported:

- Pre-K will be hosting a parent workshop on Oct. 18th.
- There will be a sign language work shop in November
- Kindergarten will have a surprise visit from the Fairfield Fire Department next week
- 1st grade team are encouraging parents to read with their children. Every child expected to read his/her bag and parents to give feedback.
- CANE program parents have done an excellent job with the 1st grade.
- 2nd graders will be going on a field trip tomorrow and will also talk about jobs in the community—parents will come in to participate for this.
- District Instructional Improvement grants were awarded today to several teachers.

Motion to adjourn by Shawn Munday. Seconded by Kathy Reddy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.