

McKinley PTA
General Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2010

Call to order at 7:10pm

Present: Sue Soczka and Amy Standal, Co-Presidents
Becky Baumler, Vice President (volunteers)
Kate Neugent, Vice President (membership)
Liz Palazzari, Treasurer
Angela Katula, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Mount, Recording Secretary
Hannah Harris, Historian
Mark Carter
Kathy Kroll, Cindy Weiland-Wehrley, Bonnie Lee, Kirsten Dodulic

I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September, 2010 General Meeting were approved.
Motion: Sue Soczka **Second:** Angela Katula

II. Officer Reports:

A. Mark Carter - Mr. Carter thanked the PTA for the success of the International Walk to School Day. The goal for the McKinley staff was to walk 200 miles in one day and actually 210 miles were walked that day. Sarah LeRand is in the process of completing a survey from the event. Mr. Carter is looking for one volunteer to ride the bus from Wauwatosa West High school on the Halloween parade day. Hannah Harris volunteered and will ride the bus with the band students from Wauwatosa West to McKinley and back to the high school after our parade is over. Mr. Carter also talked about the new HR department for Wauwatosa Public Schools requiring school volunteers having background checks done on an annual basis. A letter will be sent home to the parents and McKinley will follow this new policy.

B. Co-Presidents - Jodee Blanco anti-bullying event was introduced and discussed. The attached information explains this event in detail. It will be held on January 5th, 2011. The plan of this event is to have student programs offered to both Longfellow and Whitman students during the day, a district wide in-service during the Wauwatosa Wednesday's period and an evening presentation for parents/families from throughout the district. A \$200 fee was approved to be donated from the McKinley PTA to this event - prior motion approved at the executive meeting.

Kohl's Opportunity was discussed. PTA members as well as some volunteers baked goods and donated for a bake sale to be held at Kohl's. Molly Blackwell is the McKinley parent who will sell the baked goods in return, McKinley PTA will receive \$500 dollars.

Holiday Workshop was discussed. This is an event to take place here at McKinley on December 4th, 2010. This will also serve as a community service project for some of the McKinley Brownie and Girl Scout troops. It is an event approved and spearheaded by Margaret Stockbauer. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to purchase items 25 cents to 10 dollars for the holiday season. Local vendors will be solicited. This will take place between 8:30- 1 pm and during the basketball game. There will be an opportunity

for a community service project for the Brownie troop. They will have a bake sale and the money from the bake sale will go to needy families in which the girls can go in small groups to shop for items. The tables for the vendors will be about \$10 each.

C. Vice President, Co-Chair (membership) - The PTA directories are being made and should be going out in the next couple weeks. The membership is at 267 plus, 4 new business memberships this year: Burbach and Stansbury, Tosa Pediatrics, Excel Fitness, and U-Turn ReSale. The ads have been included in the directory. The Just Between Friends website continues to be a work in progress.

D. Vice President, Co-Chair (volunteers)- Volunteers continue to turn in their forms. There was a discussion to have a deadline next year for the forms to be turned in. The final list will be out in the next couple weeks.

E. Treasurer - 2010 -2011 school year budget was presented. See attached documents with the final report of the approved budget. The balance as of 10/14/10 is \$13,056.82.

Motion: To approve proposed budget. **Slate:** All accepted.

III.

Business:

A. Targeted Giving- Angela Katula presented Targeted Giving at the September staff meeting to the teachers. She reviewed with the staff that their needs for their own classes may be made through the Targeted Giving program. The question was presented regarding the balance of money that was leftover from the previous school year. Mr. Carter stated that if there is a balance at the end of the year, the PTA would contact the family who donated and they have an option to apply it to the following school year for a teacher's request or be returned to them. Angela Katula has updated the bulletin board for this school year and is to the right of Mrs. Thiel's classroom on the first floor.

B. Presentation of Budget- See Treasurer notes above.

C. Other

Market Day- Kathy Kroll, committee chair for the Market Day program presented to the PTA the Market Day program. She stated that 10% of the proceeds from Market Day stay with the PTA. McKinley's Market Day program is down from previous years. November will be a bonus month for the PTA and the special item is desserts. If 100 desserts are bought, McKinley will get a 30% profit. Kathy explained that last year Market Day raised \$1,500 for McKinley. If we can get 75% of the McKinley population to buy 1 item, we can get a 30% profit. Kathy is looking for more ideas to raise money for Market Day. An idea came up to promote pies for Thanksgiving, if 75% of the McKinley population bought 1 pie, we could even donate the item to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry. Cindy Wehrley will talk with the Wauwatosa Food Pantry.

PTA Newsletter- The deadline for the online newsletter is October 22nd. Angela Katula is in charge of putting this together and Hannah Harris will put it up on the McKinley

website. The items to be included are the PTA donation drive, shoe recycling, Pick and Save program, Market Day, Targeted Giving, Holiday workshop and the request for vendors for this event.

Mr. Carter also made mention of the Athletic Shoe Recycling program. Also, in the context of the athletic shoe recycling drive, Bonnie Lee brought up her son's service project to start at Whitman in the Spring. Mr. Carter suggested ways to bring awareness to the effort on the elementary school level. More information as we get closer and Bonnie will bring it up a later PTA meeting.

IV. Next Meeting January 13, 2011 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm