

Matoaka Elementary School



MES PTA Minutes
October 11, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:36.

Minutes from the General Meeting were adopted: motion from Christian Dunn, and seconded by Fran Metzger.

President, Erin Ottis, reported that the General Meeting went well. She reminded everyone to update binders and to keep Trina up to date by sending her information for the web site. The teachers loved their breakfast!

VP Leanne Conrad reported that we had a great movie night, “Rio”, which was put on by Kim Lish. The Healthy Lifestyles program is also going very well. This is taking a huge amount of time, so she encourages volunteers. Membership in the PTA is down from last year, so we are hoping to get more members.

VP Christian Dunn reported that 10/26 will be Z-Pizza Spirit Night. 20% of sales from that night will go to the school. There will be a Moe’s Spirit Night in Feb, Barnes and Noble in April, and Chick Fil A in December. Grocery Program is up and running at Martin’s, Harris Teeter, Blooms, and Farm Fresh. The Walkathon will be April 22 (Friday).

Treasurer Karen Quinlan passed around the tax exemption form, and is looking into our tax-exempt status for food purchases. She has ordered a CC box for us that will enable us to collect charges through an iphone. The monthly treasurer’s report states that our book balance Sept 30th as \$21,157.44. Our bank balance is \$21,597.12. Income was \$6,052.88, and expenses were \$3,602.85 for the month of September.

Principal Andy Jacobs reported that we have added a 6th Kindergarten class. Ashley Campbell and Lorraine Frances are the new teacher/teacher’s aid for this classroom. To our custodial staff, he welcomes Leonard Morris and Larry More. Dr. Diane Lindsey is Andy Jacob’s new boss, and he would like us to invite her to Harvest Fest and the next PTA meeting. Safety Patrol is up and running. Club information is coming out soon. Important Date sheet will also come out soon. Thanks to Leanne for organizing the garden clean up. Dad’s breakfast is in the works. And he is pleased to report that

Stonehouse has called asking about our website, and Matthew Whaley has called about our Farm to School program!

Corresponding Sec. Loralee Clark thanked everyone for the great articles. She is working on an electronic list for the school newsletter. The deadline for articles is the 22nd of each month (with a few exceptions, like December).

Reflections, Fran Metzger reported that 10/24 is the deadline for submitting entries for the contest. Andy has done phone messages to families, it has been on the morning news, lists have gone out to teachers, signs will be put up along Brick Bat Road to remind parents, and an email blast will be made to all PTA families.

Harvest Festival News from Louise Denkins... Over 100 shirts have been sold, so another order will be made soon. The Extons have donated a coffee cart. A balloon grab will be used for extra tickets at the end of the night. They are asking for \$5 gift cards for this purpose. They need buckets with lids and a photo printer. Golf Cart Rides were discussed. 51 items are already set for the silent auction. Helicopter will be there for exploring, and a petting zoo.

Dad's Program, Dan Fitzpatrick, reported that we have 60 dads so far. There is a breakfast on 10/26, "Fruits and Fathers", which will have bagels, coffee, yogurt, and fruit. On November 4th, the Mystery Reader program will begin. Dads will read to the class for 15 minutes.

Boxtops, Debbie Wright, reported that October 20 is the first deadline. A GIANT trophy will go to the class who wins, they will keep it for 2 months and then pass it on to the next winning class. Room moms are supporting the contest.

Healthy Lifestyles, Michelle Alexander reports that the farm to school program is going very well. Serving is a bit tricky, and they need more volunteers. We have greens coming 10/27, Sweet Potatoes on 11/10, and then something else coming on Dec. 12th, then not again until March. Week of Nov 7-12 is Healthy Lifestyles Week. Healthy Heart is program for Kindergarteners, Chris Long is doing cooking demos, and SHIP is donating prizes for Healthy Lifestyles awards. A Healthy Snack Cookbook is in the works. A fun run will be on November 12, which will feature a canned food drive for FISH, and a participation award for the class with the greatest number of entries.

Merchandise, Michelle Gaul showed off the new baseball shirts, which will sell for \$18 at the Harvest Festival.

Grocery Program, Laura Kinsman reported that the grocery programs are up and running at Martins, Farm Fresh, Harris Teeter, and Target. She reminded people to sign up to have points donated to Matoaka.

Yearbook, Brandy Centolanza reminded everyone to take pictures of special events and kids for the yearbook.

Closing: President Erin Ottis reminded everyone to send her dates for special events, and to think about who might be available to fill your position for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.