

Minutes MCCPTA Board Directors
June 5, 2008

Present: Kay Romero, President, Ted Willard, VP Ed. Liz Wheeler, VP Adm. Karen Smith, VP Programs, Merry Eisner, VP Leg., Dale Ryan, Treasurer, Patti Twigg Sec. DA, Andrea Q. Bernardo Sec. BOD, Lee Ann Doerflinger, Laura Siegel, Sally Taber, Mary Abe, Fran Simons, John F. Hall, Terri Salus, Julie Lucas, DeBora King, Susan Joyce Thomas, Ann Gallagher, Steve Augustino, Laurie Halverson, Janette Gilman, Pam Moomau, Beth Kennington, Jennifer Chambers, Ellen Paul.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

The Minutes of the May BOD Meeting were approved as amended. Dale Ryan provided the Treasurer's Report. The budget is very close at this time—additional changes are expected. 5 Schools still owe PTA insurance. The state insurance calendar runs from 10/1-9/30. Each PTA is expected to pay insurance on time.

Discussion of DA Program /Meetings. Kay Romero led the discussion of the DA motion passed November 22, 2005 that provided that business meetings should occur before programs and presentations and how we can do this. It is problematic to get speakers to stay and present late in the evening after business meetings. Business meetings are to start at 7:30 and end by 9:30 PM. Several individuals suggested that it might not be necessary to have programs every month. Others suggested that programs should start early and end timely so that business meetings could start promptly at 7:30.

It was also quite clear that DA's should end no later than 9:30. Others suggested the benefit of Web casting programs or holding them on non-DA nights. No resolution(s) was reached. We have planned programs to start at 6:30PM or 7:00PM depending on the topic and length of time needed for program presentation. Programs will end on time so business meetings can begin at 7:30 PM.

Discussion of Budget Meetings. MCCPTA was invited to participate in MCPS planning meetings last year, and has been invited again this year. There are at least 15 meetings from August to November. A discussion was held assessing the value of this participation. Concern was expressed that the MCCPTA may be perceived as being "co-opted" by its participation.

However, it was agreed that the value of the participation was outweighed by this perception. It was generally agreed that participation was valuable as long as individuals were able to commit the time.

The training cancelled due to the power outages will not be rescheduled.

However, training packets were sent out, and schools should be alerted that the packages are at the schools.

The summer area meetings have been scheduled as follows:

June 9—DCC

June 16-NW/Poolesville/QO/SV

6/17 NEC/Sherwood

6/19 Clarksburg/Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/WM

7/1 Whitman/BCC/Wheaton/WJ

John Hall reported on the budget passed-- \$27.4 million. The report is attached.

Steve Augustino reported that the CIP budget was also adopted and delayed some HS modernizations, and elementary school gyms. However, Tech mods and BMPI were funded. He will meet with Bruce Crispell on June 16 to discuss next year's planning process. Although this is an off-budget year, schools are reminded to get CIP request by mid-June.

Susan Joyce Thomas reported on Gift Child Programs.

Beth Kennington reported on Grading and Reporting. New report cards are being implemented. See attached report.

Pam Moomau announced that "Parents Who Host" brochures will be posted on the MCCPTA web site and should be posted on high school web sites. She also reported that the student transportation policy is currently before the BOE.

The Health Committee announced 3 representatives for wellness: Susan Young, Suzanne Mintz and Sujata Dixon.'

Liz Wheeler asked AVP's to provide cell Phone numbers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm