

Phelps Luck Elementary School PTA

Executive Board Meeting

September 3, 2008

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Attendance – 20 people signed the attendance sign-in form (Thank You). Guesstimate is 25-30+ total in attendance. Attendance sign-in form is on file.

Welcome and Introduction – Maryann Cohea (President)
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- If interested in receiving PTA minutes via email, write email address on sign-in form if not currently receiving minutes.
- Voting at Board of Directors meetings – a general vote by all (with a show of hands) to gauge consensus and to facilitate discussion of issues/concerns; per the bylaws, final vote will be by PTA Board of Directors, Chairs of standing committees, Principal, Howard County PTA Delegates only.
- 2008-2009 Officers, Committees and Chairs:

Officers:

President: Maryann Cohea

1st Vice President: Karen Stark

2nd Vice Presidents: Malinda Haggerty, Tanya Brogan

Secretary: Liz Beachum

Treasurer: Paul Pechacek

PTACHC Delegates: Cristen Jones

Standing Committees:

Cultural Arts: Karen Stark, Marianne Barno

Legislation:

Membership: Chris Kindbom

Newsletter: Deb Sharkey

Publicity:

Hospitality/Sunshine: Polly Weber

Awards/Grants:

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Ad Hoc Committees:

Bingo Night: Maryann Cohea

Bulletin Board: Maryann Cohea

International Festival: Polly Weber, Krista Wheatley-Heckman

Dine-Out Nights: Cheryl vom Saal

Safeway/Giant:

Boxtops:

Secret Shop: Laura Betz, Karen DeBlasio

Book Fairs: Cristen Jones

Directory:

Volunteers: Liz Beachum

Pizza and Cake Sale: Debbi Reid

Science Fair: Lisa Strutz

Sally Foster: Debbi Reid

Staff Appreciation: Chris Kindbom

Carnival: Laura Betz (need sub-chairs)

Volunteers:

Prizes:

Vendors/Insurance: Maryann Cohea

Games:

Concert Flowers Fundraiser: Polly Weber

Display-My-Art Fundraiser: Malinda Haggerty

Spring Family Celebration: Carol Evans-Turner

Consent Agenda

- May 7, 2008 Minutes – motion to approve by Maryann, 2nd by Malinda Haggerty
- August 6, 2008 Minutes – motion to approve minutes only (not budget) by Maryann, 2nd by Malinda; the budget will be voted on September 15 at the next PTA General Membership meeting
- Question raised about the one time fundraiser amount of \$2,200; question deferred for Paul Pechacek (not present)

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Calendar for 2008-2009 PTA Year

- Sally Foster – started September 3; will run for 3 weeks; deliveries on October 15.
- Last Hot Dog – Monday, September 15; need volunteers, see Maryann
- Dine Out – Cheryl
 - 1st date will be picked for early October; dates will be put in next PTA newsletter
 - Suggestions/Ideas – coordinate pizza week in December; offer gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble in December
- Book Fair – Louise Eyes for Cristen Jones
 - Book Fair will be during Parent/Teacher conferences the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving
 - Dates: Monday, November 24 1-8pm; Tuesday, November 25 1-4pm
- Staff Appreciation – Chris Kindbom
 - Dinner for staff on Monday, November 24 (Parent/Teacher conference)
 - Luncheon for staff on May 6 (Teacher Appreciation Week)
- Secret Shop – Laura Betz; Friday, December 12; Karen DiBlasio volunteered to co-chair
- Pizza/Dessert – date will be picked later; deliveries will coincide with Super Bowl Sunday
- Art Fundraiser – Malinda Haggerty; date will be picked later
- Science Fair – Lisa Strutz
 - Presented ideas for celebrating science and getting the children excited about science including school assembly, classroom “commercials” (20 minutes of hands on experiments in classroom), and workshops
 - Kickoff Assembly – Monday, February 2, 2009
 - Evening Workshops – February 23 for ESOL students, February 24 for other students; need ticket to attend, tickets will be free
 - March 30 – students submit science projects
 - March 31 – judging for grades 3-5
 - April 1 – Science Fair
 - Krista Wheatley-Heckman requested 2 workshops for ESOL
 - Lisa is working with Marianne Schult to coordinate a paper airplane competition in conjunction with the Baltimore Museum of Industry

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- Bingo – Maryann Cohea; March 27
- International Festival – Krista Wheatley-Heckman; Feb 20 at Howard High, snow date is March 6
- Carnival – Laura Betz
 - Great feedback from last year regarding having it near the end of school year on a Friday evening
 - Friday, June 5; rain date is Friday, June 12

Spring Dance

- Concerns from last year’s Dance were briefly reviewed:
 - Need more musical variety, poll students for what they would like to hear
 - Address loudness (too loud)
 - Need better supervision by adults versus older kids
 - Question about whether or not “lights out” is age appropriate
 - Should Dance be open to all grades (K-5)?
 - Music lyrics – age appropriate?
 - Security issues – dropping off and picking up
- Discussion/Suggestions
 - Should we have a dance? Should it be a separate event or combined with another event like the Carnival?
 - Needs to be kid friendly
 - Need parental involvement versus chaperoning by middle/high schoolers
 - Want the Dance to be for all grades; many families have children in multiple grades
 - Need song playlist before DJ is hired
 - DJ needs experience working with K-5 children to engage them and keep kid friendly and age appropriate
 - Limit to student body only (K-5), not for older siblings
 - Parent needs to stay with child(ren) during event; cannot drop off
 - Change the name of the dance to reflect a celebration and being a family event; several new names were bounced around, to be determined in committee

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- Voting Results
 - Should we have a dance? – Yes (6), No (1); Motion to carry by Maryann, 2nd by Karen Stark
 - Should the dance be open to all grades? – Yes (7), No (0); Motion to carry by Maryann, 2nd by Karen
 - Should the dance be a separate event? – Yes (7), No (0); Motion to carry by Maryann, 2nd by Karen
- Action Item: A board member must serve on the committee; Malinda Haggery volunteered; Malinda will coordinate organization of new committee; several people expressed interest in being on the committee

Other Items

- Krista Wheatley-Heckman (ESOL) – There are 100 ESOL students, 70 are Spanish; asked PTA to have flyers translated into Spanish; email Thania_Rey@hcpss.org to translate; Lime Green paper will be used for ESOL; requested PTA to use Lime Green copier paper for ESOL families only; ESOL will provide Lime Green paper

Principal's Report – Pam Akers

- Mrs. Akers recognized staff in attendance – Claudia Eckstrom (Math Support), Krista Wheatley-Heckman (ESOL), Nancy Ottey (Leadership Intern), Michelle Leader (Assistant Principal)
- PLES made AYP this year; did well on Stanford 10 (2nd grade) and MSA (grades 3-5); will share progress at the next meeting;
- The Phelps Luck web site has been updated; parents encouraged to check web site often for updates and information – <http://ples.hcpss.org/>
- Volunteers needed in the morning and afternoon to assist with student drop off and pickup; contact Chuck Thompson if interested
- Bridges Program – after school program made possible by a grant; helps with students who need extra support in reading and/or math. Need paid volunteers to help with the program on Thursdays after school and Saturday mornings. Contact Mrs. Leader if interested.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm