

**Ronald McNair PTA
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

Call to Order/Welcome (Charlotte Kibak)

- The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM
- The election of Alicia Sowah as Recording Secretary passed unanimously
- The June and October minutes were approved

1st VP, Membership Report (Regina McCutcheon)

- 285 members so far this year versus 297 at this time last year
- Member packets will be going out soon
- The PTA directory has been proofed but is not printed yet

2nd VP, Volunteers (Beth Rowe)

- Beth was unable to attend so Charlotte reported on the upcoming events
- November 14th is the Spaghetti Dinner
 - 44 Fifth graders volunteered to serve so they broke them up into 2 shifts
- December 5th is Make-a-Gift Night
- January 9th is Game Night – the membership suggested calling it Bingo Night as Game Night was a bit confusing
- Mr. Wohl will work with the PTA on organizing the April Yard Sale to raise funding for Jump Start the summer Pre-K program
 - It was suggested to include vendors at the yard sale for a nominal fee

Treasurer's Report (Jeremiah Galvin)

- We have just under \$30,000 at this time
- We still have \$3,100 in books to buy
- Lavender's brought in \$10,000 in sales so far and we should reach around \$14,000
- There is a Scholastic Arts invoice which is missing. If anyone knows where it might be please let Jeremiah know

Fundraising Chair Report (Sherri Diaz)

- Sherri is anticipating \$14,700 in total Lavender's sales. That's approximately \$7,000 in profit for the PTA
- Chik-Fil-A nights are going really well.
- We still have the Cookie Dough Sale in March and Original Artworks which we hope will do really well
- Some ideas were suggested for additional fundraisers for the school including having teachers work the drive thru window at McDonalds and a BMI Karate fundraiser

MCCPTA Delegate Report (Bill Snyder/Dorinda Thomas)

- The delegates' assembly passed the Operating Budget Compact and the Operating Budget Priorities after a few minor changes and much debate

- The county and school board are looking at a significant budget shortfall this year

NW Cluster Representative Update (Deepa Talreja)

- The cluster had a meeting regarding the status of the CIP budget and getting attention for maintenance concerns
 - Repetitive submissions of work orders will eventually get results
- Juan Johnson, the area VP, can help get attention on repairs or budget concerns
- Pedestrian safety was discussed and an additional crossing guard at Eternity Court is needed

Principal's Remarks (Eileen Macfarlane)

- Everything is going well
- The students were very involved in the election and results
 - Debates were held involving the students
- There is a staff member who has fallen seriously ill
 - There is an ongoing collection of foods and gift cards to support her and her family
- The kindergarten team is going to a conference to discuss the kindergarten rigor from November 19-21

McNair Staff Liaison (Kelly Herzing)

- Ms. Herzing was unable to attend so Ms. Macfarlane commented on things
- There will be an early release on November 26th at 12:55 PM

Other Business

- A discussion occurred regarding the way parents receive communication from the PTA: email versus backpack
- We will try to reach them as best we can in as many ways as we can
- The meeting was ended at 8:12 PM