

MINUTES

**Ronald McNair PTA
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

Call to Order/Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Kibak at 7:00 p.m.
- A Nominating Committee will be convened to begin the nomination of new board members.

Approval of Minutes

- The posted January minutes were approved.

1st VP, Membership Report – Regina McCutcheon

- Membership is a little below last year. We will not try to recruit new members given the current economic conditions.
- Annual bulletin board listing all members of the PTA is posted. Thank you goes out to members who helped provide “Thank you” in multiple languages.
- Original Artwork Fundraiser: There were 189 orders, in addition to the 308 magnets purchased. Some parents express concerns that if we continue this fundraiser that the kids’ artwork should be more colorful. This year there was no cost to the PTA for the magnets not ordered. There is a huge administrative component when we send home the magnets for purchase and they are not purchased. It is recommended that next year if we participate – just the artwork would go home for parents to make a decision about purchasing.

2nd VP, Volunteers – Beth Rowe

- The following events are upcoming:
 - Auction – there are some really great auction items.
 - Poetry Contest – ends March 13. A number of poems have already been submitted.
 - Yard Sale – 25 to 27 slots have been sold. The Yard Sale is open to all. The cost will increase in mid-April. An email reminder will be sent via List Serve and food will be available for purchase. The rain date is May 16.
 - Spring Dance – due to a conflict with NWHHS the date will be change. April 24 is no longer available.
 - Spring Book Fair – begins May 5 until May 9. More volunteers are needed.
 - Muffins for Mom – needs more volunteers.
- The following events are complete:
 - Bingo Night - Big success, lots of fun. \$76 from Potomac Pizza.
 - International Night – Great turnout. Thanks to the organizers.

Treasurer’s Report – Jeremiah Galvin

- The PTA budget has a positive cash flow.
- There will be a delay on the author visit until next year.
- Reminder: Credit Card forms must be given to Jeremiah after events. If not, the PTA could be subject to \$25,000 fine.

Fundraising Report – Sherri Diaz

- Cookie Dough fundraisers begins on Friday, March 6th. No credit cards will be accepted for this fundraiser, only cash and checks.
- Darnestown McDonald Fundraiser – there will be three Monday fundraising events at the Darnestown McDonalds. 15% to 20% of the profits during the 5pm to 8pm hours will be donated to the PTA. Teachers and Staff may be working the ice cream machines.

MCC-PTA Delegate Report

- Dorinda attended MCC-PTA delegate meeting on February 24th.
- The following two resolutions passed on February 24, 2009:
 - Resolution on the FY 2010 Capital Improvement Program Budget From the MCCPTA CIP Committee
 - Resolution on School System Pilots
- The following three resolutions will be discussed during the next meeting:
 - Motion Regarding Curricular Fees
 - McNair PTA supports this resolution.
 - Proposed Resolution on Accelerated and Enriched Instruction from the MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee
 - McNair PTA doesn't necessary agree with Gift and Talented label but we support the need for students to be challenged.
 - Proposed Resolution on the Duties of MCCPTA Delegates
 - McNair PTA supports this resolution.

NW Cluster Representative Update – Deepa Talreja

- No report.

Faculty Representative – Kelly Herzing

- A number of teachers are putting in items for the auction.

Principal's Remarks – Eileen Macfarlane

- Testing mode is here. Students should be in school and on time everyday. Please no doctors' appointments during the MSA.
- Very productive meeting discussing the achievement gap.

Other Business

- No other business.

Upcoming Events

- Chick-Fil-A Night Thursday, March 5, 4pm to 8pm
- Auction – Friday, March 6, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Achievement Gap Meeting II – Wednesday, April 15, 6:30
- Kindergarten Orientation, Thursday & Friday, April 16 and 17

Next Meeting

- April 1, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia R. Sowah, Recording Secretary