

**Waverly Elementary School PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2005**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes

Robin thanked Toni for doing the minutes from the August meeting. There were no objections to the minutes. They will be filed as written.

President's Report

- Folder with various thank you notes from teachers/staff for the staff luncheons will be passed around.
- Thank you to the various committees that have been very busy:

Thank you to the Volunteer Committee, Laura Munns and Chris Forman, for organizing the Volunteer Orientation. 12 people attended. Thanks to Mrs. Ferguson, Connie Stahler, and the instructional assistants for speaking. Thanks also to the PTA members who came out and gave tours. Robin thanked the Welcoming Committee for providing the refreshments for the orientation.

Lori Summerson provided the Rainforest Café and Snowball Stand certificates for The Reading Connection.

Gift Wrap Committee has been very busy. Joanne is worried that sales are "slow and low". More reminders to come out in the Waverly Wire .

Market Day was represented at all the back to school nights. The first Market Day pickup was today. Thanks to Angie, Ruth and Allison for the hard work.

Historian Committee has been busy with first day of school pictures and back to school picnic pictures.

Steve Hensch has been busy updating the website with new executive board members, minutes and calendar.

- President's Weekly Reminders via email started this week.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Blanchard has asked for \$250-\$300 for Artist in Residence. PTA traditionally sponsors this through cultural arts.
- Mark Applegate found the weather station Friday night at the picnic. There is some damage and will be repaired. It will not be put back in the same spot.
- \$2,690.29 has been collected in Red Cross donations for hurricane victims. A community member has offered to match our donations up to a certain amount.
- There will be conferences on Monday and Tuesday night during conference week. Only those teachers that want to conference on Wednesday will be here.
- Thanks to Fall Fest Committee for their hard work getting ready for Fall Fest and to the Volunteer and Welcoming Committees for their great job on the volunteer orientation.
- Addition committee has been formed. Mrs. Ferguson is looking for 2 more parents for this committee.
- Waverly has been approved for new playground equipment. Mrs. Ferguson is looking for 4 parents to be on the playground equipment committee to help choose the equipment. It will be designed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.
- A new playhouse has been ordered for RECC. The PTA has also paid for a shed to be located on the other side of the playhouse. We should have both by Fall Fest.

Assistant Principal's Report

Connie Stahler thanked the PTA for everything it does. Schedules for building use have been set. Building Use Forms for January 1st through March 31st are due on October 10th. These forms are used for after school hours only.

Vice President's Report

Paula and Lorraine got some great ideas for parents academy topics from the list passed around at the last meeting. They will be scheduled for November/ January / February. We have a budget for a big name speaker so they will be checking into that for one of the seminars.

Treasurer's Report

Dawn reviewed the financials for August. There was not a lot of activity. The budget will be presented at the General PTA Meeting on 9/26/05.

Council Delegate Report

Christine Hendershot attended the PTA Council Meeting. Brief introduction of officers. Capital Budget was presented. There is a 21% increase due to construction costs. More info can be found on PTA.org website. Redistricting was discussed which included discussion about 2 new elementary schools and overcrowding at Patapsco Middle and Fulton Elementary. There is a general meeting regarding this on Sept. 20th. Final vote will be the week of Thanksgiving. The new budget was voted on and approved. Ongoing backpack campaign was discussed. Donations go to Mike Clark. 100 new students affected by Hurricane Katrina are expected. The scholarship was discussed. The goal is to raise \$11,000 this year. Local PTA's are encouraged to contribute. New Fundraising form is available. Proposed development at Turf Valley was discussed. PTA Council is asking that 50 acres of land be set aside by developers for schools. General population is asked to come out and support this request at the meeting on 9/15/05. Also discussed was a new 10 year forum to look at where growth is over time instead of redistricting every year.

Committee Reports

- Volunteer Committee – Laura Munns thanked all those who helped with tours at the orientation. We had a disappointing turn out of 12 people. Parent volunteer forms are still being submitted. Committee chairs should get their volunteer spreadsheets in the next couple of weeks.
- Membership Committee – Katie DeSocio gave an update. 556 have joined so far. We are running on track compared to last year. Will send out reminders.
- Fall Fest- Robin thanked Michelle Weller for the great looking showcase. Fall Fest is Oct. 8th. Look for your flyer in Friday folders for volunteer forms and ticket preorder information. We are still in need of scarecrow items: hats, shirts, pants, pantyhose. Also looking for grab bag items and little prizes for donations committee. Baked goods are needed (no banana bread please). As always we need lots of volunteers. Chris has been working on that and one Girl Scout Troop has offered their time.
- Welcoming Committee- Linda Rafferty reminded all that the New Family Tea will be from 6-8 pm on 9/15/05. A sign up sheet for baked goods is being passed around.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Sue Tompkins contacted Robin regarding a Hurricane Katrina project. Would we be interested in collecting school supplies that would be delivered to the Baton Rouge area? There is a Mt Hebron parent that is willing to store the items at their house and deliver the items. Patapsco Middle, Mt. Hebron and Hollifield are already participating. There was discussion of what to donate – they have no supplies including books and teacher resources. Paula also has a direct link to a Teach for America teacher in the New Orleans area who is looking for supplies. It was decided that we could collect items for hurricane victims for the project mentioned above, school supplies for the council backpack drive, and canned goods. We will have two separate raffles at Fall Fest one for canned goods donated and hurricane victim supplies. This info will not make it onto the Fall Fest form so there will be info placed in the Waverly Wire and Weekly Reminders.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.