

## **Mabel Paine Elementary School – PTA**

### **Association Meeting Minutes**

**November 18, 2008**

**Call to Order:** The association meeting of the Mabel Paine Elementary School PTA was called to order by Liz Colacion, president, at 9:41 a.m. in Room 32. Liz led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

**In Attendance:** Liz Colacion, Dorie Staack, Lisa Erickson, Steve Zietlow, Mayra Luedtke, Monica Nava, Wendy Donnell, Carolyn Provenzano, Ralph Newson, Denise Franklyn, Patty DiTolla

**Approval of Minutes:** Wendy Donnell, secretary, distributed the minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting. The minutes were reviewed and a correction was made under the Memory Book section. The amount of unused money going to be used for disposable cameras should be \$300.00 not \$350.00. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Staack discussed the recent wild fires that occurred over the weekend. All PYLUSD schools were closed on Monday so that maintenance crews could wash down the campuses and change air filters in the AC units. Air quality is being monitored and students will be kept inside until it has improved. She discussed a "Recovery: After the Wildfire" flyer (see attached) that the district had available to those affected by the recent wild fires. Bryant Ranch, Fairmont and Travis Ranch had families and staff that lost homes in the fires. Liz will contact their PTA Presidents, if any families are in need of assistance, Wendy will coordinate.

There was a good turnout for the parent/teacher conferences. The new report card format was discussed.

The classroom parties were discussed and will remain at the three allowed. Mrs. Staack will discuss further with staff and report back if anything changes.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Gift Giving Tree:** Jacque Nolan, VI Posse Advisor, will coordinate the Gift Giving Tree in conjunction with our local Salvation Army.

**Jog-A-Thon:** Denise Franklyn reported for Penny Good and Cyndi Ralston, Co-Chairs, that \$18,741.00 had been raised to date. Expenses were an estimated \$1,975.00. Overall it was reported that this was a very successful event!

**Reflections:** Lisa Erickson, chairperson, reported there were 21 entries this year. Five moved on to the district level. She would like to showcase the entries at the school in some way, maybe display them in the MPR. The artwork will be displayed in the Memory Book this year.

**Variety Show:** Liz reported that the variety show will be held January 22, 2009. Angela Murray, Chairperson, will be requested to attend the next meeting to give updates.

**Family Science Night:** To be held on February 12, 2009

**Read-a-Thon/Pancake Breakfast:** Will begin March 2, 2009 and will end with a pancake breakfast on March 27, 2009. Ralph Newson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, mentioned that it would be nice to have another special guest appearance. Last year, Commander Chuck Street made a special appearance in his helicopter. Anyone who has any connections to a local celebrity/sports person was asked to pursue those leads.

**Nominating Committee:** The Board needs a chairperson to take charge of this committee to find candidates to fill next year's open positions. 2009-2010 open positions are: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Historian.

**Memory Book :** Mayra Leudtke, co-chair, reported that the decision to go "all digital" this year was made because even though the cost is the same, going digital offers better quality and better management of the pages. The only pages that will be "scrap booked" are the 5<sup>th</sup> grade devotion pages. Mayra will send home a flyer inviting 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to submit an entry in the front cover artwork contest. It was agreed that she should send home a piece of card stock for the students to use. Contest will end December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial Reports:** Carolyn Provenzano, Treasurer, presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2008 (see attached). October warrants were presented and discussed. Carolyn made a motion to approve the reports and October warrants as presented, Mayra Luedtke seconded, no discussion, motion carries.

No Budget Review meeting was held prior to this meeting due to the wild fires. The committee (Catherine, Carolyn and Liz) will review the commitments for this year and next.

**Community Liaison Report:** At the boundary meetings held by the district this past week, Mabel Paine Elementary School students were in all three scenarios presented.

**New Business:** Liz reported that the PTA has filed our 2008-2009 taxes with the IRS. All tax and Workers Compensation reports have also been filed with Council.

Liz reported that the School Directory is finished and at the printshop.

Pace Messages are informative phone messages that Mrs. Staack simultaneously sends out to all parents and staff at the same time. The messages are also sent out via e-mail to parents and teachers who have signed up for it. Please contact the office to sign up for this service.

Liz applied for, and received, a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from PYLCU to benefit the MIND Institute program. Mrs. Staack has requested that the Special Ed Dept. also help pay for the maintenance cost of the MIND Institute since those students are also benefiting from the program.

Funds from the Jog-A-Thon were dedicated for laptops for teachers at an expense of \$1,100 per computer. Four computers were budgeted for this year. All "smart" classrooms need laptops. The Technical Committee will review all technical needs at our school.

**Open Forum:** Mrs. DiTolla would like volunteers to decorate the MPR for the holiday program. Denise Franklyn volunteered to chair.

Mrs. DiTolla informed that School Site Council will be meeting next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in her classroom.

Mr. Zietlow and Mrs. DiTolla expressed their thanks for the PTA's educational enrichment fund. Mrs. DiTolla made a motion to increase the educational enrichment fund \$50.00 from \$6,500.00 to \$6,550.00. Lisa Erickson seconded, no discussion, motion carries.

Mr. Zietlow said he would like to see more teacher involvement with the PTA. Changing the meeting time to lunch time was discussed. He will let the teachers know that the minutes are now available on our school website [www.mabelpaine.com](http://www.mabelpaine.com).

The awards ceremony have been rescheduled for this Friday for Kinder – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and next Monday for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Donnell*

Wendy Donnell, Secretary

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**Next PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.