

*Attendance:* Doreen Steinbock, Carrie Roeglin, Kristal Pitel, Michelle Weisrock, Kris Budny, Cheryl Bula Norman, Nicole Danek, Jen Edgett, Amy Isbell, Jay Justham, Heather Justham, Bobbi Jo Kaufmann, Sue Burger, Becki Kram, Stacey Gonzalez, Anne Gosetti, Gena Kraemer

Call to Order @ 6:36 pm

**Secretary Report:** (Kristal Pitel) Motion to approve May and July meeting minutes by Anne Gosetti, seconded by Kris Budny, motion approved.

**Treasurer Report:** (Becki Kram) Review of July and August Bank Statements and 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. There was no interest in August because revolving balance was less than \$3,000.00. LifeTime Credit Union and Landmark Credit Union are merging together. It is not known at this time how this merger will affect the PTA bank account. The bank stated that the first account will need to have a \$5.00 minimum balance while a second account will have no minimum balance.

**Vice President Report:** (Anne Gosetti) The pizza toppings seem to be going well. A few teachers are concerned that there isn't enough time to cut out the pizza toppings. A suggestion was to have the kids cut out their own pizza toppings. The bulletin board by the office has been looking great. Anne did the first one and the current bulletin board was done by Maria. There was a mix-up with the PTA shirts. The PTA was promised there was not going to be a problem filling the order of the red and gray, however, upon pickup of the shirts Gena was told that all the sizes could not be filled. As a result, we needed to order more shirts but in black and gray. We are waiting for the black and gray shirts to become available.

**President Report:** (Gena Kraemer) Went to the council meeting and the WAWM PTA posted report is available online. Kurt Wachholz spoke about the budget and budget shortfalls. Some local highlights were Walker school receiving the Blue Ribbon award and Hale was in Newsweek as one of the top schools in the nation. Vote on council dues (\$100) on November 30, 2009. There is a change in the student scholarship which went from \$0.25 per student to \$0.50 per student. There are around 338 students in Franklin school. A Sam Castagna scholarship is optional in budget and currently has \$75.00 in account.

Motion to make WAWM PTA Council Scholarship from \$75.00 to the required \$169.00 by taking the difference from Contingency by Heather Justham, seconded by Nichole Danek, motion approved.

The WAWM website has more information about business memberships. The school has been granted a new chair member. There is a new PTA Hotline: (414) 604-3700 Ext. 5. The website is [www.franklin-pta.org](http://www.franklin-pta.org). There is a leadership training September 18-20, but there is no money budgeted. Training would specifically be needed for the Reflections program.

Motion to take \$225.00 out of Contingency to send 3 representatives (Gena Kraemer, Nichole Danek, and Becki Kram) for leadership training by Kris Budny, seconded by Bobbi Jo Kaufmann, motion approved.

Concerns were stated on the amount taken out of Contingency since Contingency will need to fund the year-end carnival. Budget was looked over and additional money was found from the IncrediRoll Bus for Safe that is not needed.

Motion to move \$375.00 from IncrediRoll Bus for Safe to Contingency by Michelle Weisrock, seconded by Anne Gosetti, motion approved.

**Principal Report:** There were four different welcome back events (new students dinner, K4 ice cream social, K5 picnic, and registration for returning students) that were well attended and positive. There was a suggestion that childcare should be provided during orientation sessions. There are many students (around 338) this year at Franklin school. When sixth grade was also at Franklin the student count was around 340 and the lowest student count was around 320. There are some new staff members this year. There was a meeting with the Cub Scout pack to smooth out leadership problems. On October 12, 2009, at 7:00 pm is a board meeting where Mrs. Weisrock is speaking. Anyone interested in speaking on PTA experiences are welcome to come.

There is an issue with drop offs/pickups on 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Neighbors have complained to the alderman about the high amount of traffic. There are concerns with parents being volatile by yelling and beeping at each other. Parking cones that were meant to block off the bus area have been confiscated by the city engineer. Free parking at the church across the street is available and recommended for parents as an alternative for driving on 85<sup>th</sup> Street. The city alderman was previously contacted about the issues and concerns with child safety but there is no solution to this problem. A suggestion is to have our Legislative Chair member, Marilyn Wellman, to look into where we should write letters or to draft a letter to Dan Devine that can be reviewed at the next meeting. A recommendation for child safety concerns or directions for parents should be in an article in the PTA pages.

**Teacher Report:** (Carrie Roeglin) The back to school welcome meetings went well. Mrs. Herman is willing to help with the website.

**Old Business:**

Motion to eliminate spring dance and make it a pancake dinner by Anne Gosetti, seconded by Kristal Pitel, motion approved.

\*Becki Kram moved from organizing fall dance to pancake dinner so new committee member Kristal Pitel can organize fall dance with any help from Becki Kram and Gena Kraemer when necessary.

\*Skate nights will be cancelled since no one wants to organize. Cheryl Bula Norman has come forward and will investigate what needs to be done with the skate nights. Suggestions of moving skate time from 4 pm – 6 pm to 6 pm – 8 pm, avoiding parent/teacher conferences, and inquire if longer time blocks can be reserved to help with higher attendance have been made.

\*There is no PTA camera. Some suggestions were to use McDonald's or Campbell's receipts to purchase. However, McDonald's receipts are used for student council. Once there is a PTA camera it must be kept in a locked cabinet with limited access. Some more suggestions were to see if anyone is willing to donate a 4 – 6 pixel camera to the school or if soup labels and/or Boxtops can cover cost. Kris

Budny volunteered to chair the Special Fundraising Committee and will get back to us with where we are at with Boxtops and Campbell's Soup labels.

**New Business:**

\*Teacher Grant Requests—Mrs. Roeglin and Mrs. Perkins have jointly asked for a grant request for 16 Discmans (8 per room) and books on CDs for the children to listen and help improve reading fluency. Currently there are books and cassette tapes, however, the cassette tapes can be difficult for the children to figure out.

Motion to approve 16 personal compact disc players purchased (not to exceed \$200.00) for Mrs. Roeglin and Mrs. Perkins use in the classroom by Cheryl Bula Norman, seconded by Nicole Danek, motion approved.

Mrs. Jaworski has asked for a grant request for Scholastic dictionaries in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The current dictionaries are difficult for some children to read.

Motion to approve \$150.00 for Scholastic dictionaries for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade by Heather Justham, seconded by Jennifer Edgett, motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

\*Membership—Pizza poster is by front doors. A bar graph poster will be placed outside the lunchroom for children to see the progress of the different classrooms. Membership signups are going well and the PTA is where we were at last year. Our goal is to have a 10% growth in memberships.

\*Spiritwear—Bobbi Jo Kaufmann is in charge of the Spiritwear and Dawn owns Image Apparel who is going to be printing our Spiritwear. The next design has been chosen at the PTA meeting. There will be a choice between red and ash color shirts and black and ash color shirts.

\*Fundraiser—Triple M will be at the picnic with samples. A new contract needed to be drafted and signed since the first contract signed had the party the same night as parent/teacher conferences. There needs to be between 10 to 14 days for the fundraiser. The original fundraising dates were October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>; however, the start date may be September 28<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date is November 11<sup>th</sup> between 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Franklin's incentive party will be held at West Milwaukee Intermediate School on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 8 pm.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:20 pm by Gena Kraemer, seconded by Heather Justham, motion approved.

Submitted by,

Kristal Pitel,  
Secretary