
PTA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Attendance: Bev Day, Carrie Roeglin, Mike Hughes, Kris Budny, Gena Kraemer, Debbie Gast, Sheri Johnson, Cheryl Bula Norman, Becki Kram, Anne Gosetti, Nicole Danek, Marilyn Wellman, Lindsay Lopez, Sharlene Yoss

Call to Order @ 6:32 pm

Motion to approve last months meeting minutes by Becki with one correction, to change Mrs. Polczynski's name to the correct spelling as listed under the Staff Representatives report, seconded by Cheryl, motion approved.

Financial Report: (Please see the PTA website at www.franklin-pta.org for budget/monthly reports/statements)

*Becki reported that per our current budget, we are on target with the monies that have been spent to date.

*Nothing outstanding at this time.

*Treasurer's report filed for audit.

New Business:

*WA-WM PTA Council was selected as the PTA Council of the Year.

*An Advocacy Dinner Chat was held on May 7th. It consisted of a number of roundtable discussions with parents, students, teachers and community members related to education and how things will "look" in the future.

*Swine Flu Update was presented by Superintendent Wachholz. There are three stages of Swine Flu status: 1) suspect, 2) probable, 3) confirmed. A school can close with one or more probable cases. Final confirmation is made by the WA-WM Health Department and the CDC lab in Atlanta, Georgia. Days that are missed by the school closings do not have to be made up. Both Pershing and Frank Lloyd Wright had confirmed cases of the swine flu.

*A number of thank you's were received by the PTA from teachers expressing their thanks for Teacher Appreciation Week and the Luncheon that was provided. We certainly express our thanks and gratitude to all the teachers and staff at Franklin!

Fall Fundraiser:

*The committee will be in touch with Mr. Z's to work on the details for the fundraiser during the 2009-10 school year.

Nominating Committee:

*Gena Kramer is nominee for President, Anne Gosetti is the nominee for Vice President, Becki Kram is the nominee for Treasurer, Kristal Pitel is nominee for Secretary. A vote will take place at the End of the Year Picnic, Thursday, May 21st beginning at 3:15 pm for these officer positions. A phone message will go out to let the parents know that a table will be set up by the office and any PTA members should stop in and vote.

*We are recruiting for an apprentice to work alongside Becki Kram, Treasurer.

*We are recruiting for Membership Coordinator Chair. Marilyn has agreed to be the Membership Chair should no one else step forward and volunteer.

*The Reflections Chair will be Nicole Danek and Holiday Craft Night is now a committee consisting of Heather Justham, Nicole Danek and Tammy North. Thank you all for stepping forward to take these very important positions.

School Sign:

*Our new sign is in! Please take a moment to check out the beautiful, brand new sign! A lot of time and effort was put forth by so many people. Sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to everyone who has helped "make this happen"!

*Becki will be following up with Heather on payment as no invoice has been received.

Budget:

*A copy of the *proposed* 2009/10 budget was provided to everyone at the April meeting. These monies are based on what money will be moved over from this year.

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Cub Scouts:

- *Becki was approached by several parents with concerns for things that have taken place over the past month.
- *We, the PTA are a Charter Representative for the Cub Scouts. Marilyn being President is responsible for overseeing what takes place within Cub Scouts. For example, if they make a change within the organization (an officer position changes hands) she has to approve it.
- *It is up to the PTA as to how much involvement we want to have. Becki will be meeting with Alex who is the Executive Director of Cub Scouts to talk about the PTA's involvement and address the parents concerns.

Principal Update:

- *New lighting was installed on the overhang by the front doors. This helps keep things safe when we have evening events.
- *The new drop off and pick up procedures are in place. Thanks to the many families who are following them. The focus has been on 86th St. with the busses and day care vans. I have not heard as to whether or not the common council has passed the new signage. Hopefully, everything will be in place at the start of next school year.
- *There are many year end events that will be happening. Parents are asked to read the newsletters and monitor their child's Friday folder.
- *The school has been complying with the Health Department and the School District's policies regarding the swine flu. Parents should read over the mailings and flyers that have been sent by the district.
- *We made about \$2,600 on the cookie dough sale. The funds will be used to continue to provide technology stations in every classroom.
- *I would like to thank and recognize all of the parents who have been involved in our PTA this year. A special thanks to those who have served as officers and committee chairs. It has been exciting and rewarding to see the parent commitment to Franklin School and the PTA sponsored activities. Thanks to all who helped at an event, we can't do it without you!

End of the Year Picnic:

- *The PTA is sponsoring an End of the Year Picnic on Thursday, May 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
- *Sheri put together a flyer and RSVP slips that went out in the Friday folders. Information was also included in the newsletter.
- *It is being hosted by the Kindergarten families. Deb sent out flyers to ask for volunteers and we've had several parents respond willing to help. Thank you!
- *There will be a vote for next year's budget and the PTA officers that will begin at 3:15 pm and will continue throughout the picnic. We would greatly appreciate another PTA officer to help at the voting table starting at either 5:30 or 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
- *There are five teachers retiring this year from Franklin and we want to give them all a great send off! There will be a present and special presentation for each of them at the picnic.

Market Day:

- *The next Market Day pick-up is tomorrow, Thursday, May 14th and Marilyn has volunteered to be there and help distribute the orders.
- *There will be one more Market Day order before the end of the school year. Pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd.
- *Market Day has gone very well and overall it looks like Franklin will have raised over \$1,000 by the end of the school year. Thank you to everyone who has purchased from Market Day over the past school year!

Achievement Awards:

- *The PTA has submitted nominations for the Newsletter, Long Term Program, PTA of the Year and Oak Tree awards.
- *The PTA Council Awards will be held on Friday, May 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Nathan Hale High School.

Staff Representatives:

- *A big thank you from all the teachers for the luncheon provided and all the food throughout Teacher Appreciation Week. It was very well received.

Event Summaries:

- *Deb to provide a summary for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- *Lindsay to provide a summary after the End of the Year Picnic.
- *Kris to provide a summary for Market Day.

Legislative:

*The School Finance Network had a hearing in Madison on April 21st. WA-WM had five representatives attend including Superintendent Wachholz. They also met with staff from Wisconsin's House of Representatives - Tony Staskunas, SONDY POPE-ROBERTS and David Cullen to discuss education and budget issues at the state and federal levels.

*Governor Doyle visited our very own Irving Elementary on April 24th. He discussed potential uses for monies received through the latest stimulus package.

*Marilyn provided information from the Wisconsin PTA. On May 7th, President Obama released a budget for Fiscal Year 2010 that includes no new improvement in the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center after school initiative, summer learning programs, Child Care Development Funds or community schools. The proposed budget will make hard times worse for many after school programs. Current funding for 21st CCLC stands at just \$1.13 billion - less than half the \$2.5 billion authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act, which itself is just a fraction of what is needed to make after school programs available to all children who need them.

*The Wisconsin PTA is a partner with the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools (WAES). They are helping to organize a march on the State Capitol in Madison on June 16th to highlight the need for school funding reform. If you cannot make it, or even if you can, contact your Assembly representative to Senator and ask them to support school funding reform. Visit www.wisconsinpta.org for more information.

Additional Items:

*There will be a Committee Meeting at the Administration Building on Thursday, May 14th, 6:00 pm. School board members will be attending and parents are welcome to come. There will be information on communicating with parents about grades.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:33 pm by Kris, seconded by Sharlene, motion approved.