

Whitman PTA Meeting Minutes Monday, January 8, 2007

Attendance: Charisse Sarvela (President), Laura Startz (Secretary), Judy Hart (Treasurer), Andrea Gaines, Jon Gaines, Teresa Prattke, Susan Salamone, Sue Banghart (VP of Membership), April Greenman (Associate Principal) **Excused:** Angel Rice (Historian), Joan Snyder (VP of Volunteers)

President, Charisse Sarvela, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Whitman Library.

Secretary's Report: Laura Startz distributed the minutes from the December 4, 2006 Whitman PTA Meeting. After review the minutes were filed. **Thank you notes** were received from the Homework Club participants for the pencils purchase by the PTA and from the Whitman Staff for teacher/staff treats donated by parents.

Principal Report:

- **EFW Coordinator:** The school is in need of a representative (parent and/or staff) from Whitman to coordinate the EFW walk for the school.
- **Musical:** tentatively set for the weekend of April 26 & 27.
- **School Spelling B:** To be held on January 17 during 2nd hour; open to all students.
- **Girl's Basketball:** To begin for this year soon.
- **Hoops for Heart:** February 15 (6th grade)
- **Long Range Planning:** Refer to district website for committees made up of parents and staff to form soon.
- **Staff Treats:** The staff is VERY appreciative of the snacks/treats brought in by parents every other week.

Emerging Minority Leader's Conference: Andrea Gaines, Whitman PTA member and past President, was chosen by the National PTA to attend this convention in Detroit Michigan the last week of October (report attached)

Treasurer's Report: Judy Hart distributed the current Monthly Treasurer Report. The following points were noted:

- The magazine sale held in the fall had \$4,000 less profit than budgeted. It was discussed in what areas money cuts could be made. After attempts to recruit a volunteer the Cultural Arts committee still does not have a chairperson and no events will be scheduled for the school year.
- **Motion:** Laura Startz proposed that the Cultural Arts line item in the budget to be reduced from \$2,000 to \$500 until further analysis of the PTA budget. Sue Banghart seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**
- **Newsletter:** it was noted that the newsletter expenses will be more than budgeted as a result of the PTA absorbing the printing/mailing costs this year.

Committee Reports

- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation:** a lunch will be brought in for the office staff towards the end of the month in celebration of the completion of the first semester of school.
- **Spirit Committee:** Charisse Sarvela will be heading the committee and will be working with April Greenman.
- **Discover Day:** Laurie Meyer and Laura Startz will be working with the administrators to book presenters for the day. People are needed to assist the day of the event.
- **Newsletter:** January 15 is the deadline for the winter newsletter. Scheduled to be sent to the homes the first of February.

Old Business

- **By-laws revisions:** a copy of the proposed changes to the Whitman PTA Bylaws was distributed and will be posted on the school district website. The revised bylaws will be voted on at the next PTA meeting.

- **WAC Concerns/Changes:** Charisse Sarvela reported that she had met with representatives from the Rec. Dept. and an effort will be made to involve the Whitman PTA and students in the planning of the events. The snack bar refreshments will be overseen by the Whitman PTA in the near future.
- **Fundraising Needs Options:** tabled as not required at this time.

New Business

- **Martin Luther King Day:** Andrea Gaines distributed a listing of different volunteer opportunities for the day and throughout the year.

Announcements:

PTA Award Deadline: Monday, January 15

No School: Monday, January 15

WAC: Friday, January 19 @ 7:30 – 9:30 PM

School Funding Presentation: Monday, January 22 @ 7:00 PM (Longfellow Middle School)

PTA Night at the Bucks Game: Saturday, March 10

Black History Month Observance: Tuesday, February 20 @ 7:00 PM (West High School)

Whitman PTA Meeting: Monday, February 5 @ 7:00 PM (Library)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Laura Startz *Whitman PTA Secretary*