

Whitman PTA Meeting Minutes Monday, March 5, 2007

Attendance: Charisse Sarvela (President), Laura Startz (Secretary), Judy Hart (Treasurer), Angel Rice (Historian,) Susan Salamone, Liz White, John Morris, Annette Morris, Jeff Keranen (Principal)
Excused: Joan Snyder (VP of Volunteers), Sue Banghart (VP of Membership)

President, Charisse Sarvela, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Whitman Library.

Secretary's Report: Laura Startz distributed the minutes from the January 8, 2007 Whitman PTA Meeting. After review the minutes were filed.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Hart distributed the current Monthly Treasurer Report. The following point was noted:

- Due to the unexpected addition of printing/ mailing costs for the newsletter it is expected that this expense will go over budgeted. Jeff Keranen agreed to have the school cover the costs of printing and mailing for the Spring newsletter.

Principal Report:

- **8th Grade Promotion:** A planning meeting has been scheduled for March 12.
- **Student Art Show:** The district's annual art show is currently underway at Barnes & Noble at Mayfair.
- **Chess Club:** To start in the near future, coordinated by Mr. Toubl.
- **Conferences:** Wednesday, March 7 & 15.
- **Spring Play:** Try outs to be held soon.
- **Long Range Planning:** Dr. Ertl presented to the Whitman staff. Dr. Ertl is interested in presenting to the PTA – to be determined by the PTA.
- **Last day of school:** Friday, June 15. Assemblies will be held on June 15 not as originally scheduled for June 14.

Discovery Day: Being organized in coordination with the office staff. Laura Startz and Laurie Meyer are coordinating the volunteers and donations, Linda Condon and Jill Romens coordinating the AM Hospitality.

Nominating Committee: The nominations for next year's PTA Board need to be presented at the April PTA Meeting. Laura Startz agreed to get the information out through the National PTA Online Membership Data Reporting (OMDR) system.

Summer Scholarships: Has been advertised in the Winter newsletter. At this time, applications will be taken from prior year scholarship recipients.

Old Business

- **By-Laws: Motion:** Laura Startz motioned to accept the Whitman PTA Bylaws as revised and posted. Angel Rice seconded. **Motion approved.**
- **Fundraising:** none planned at this time

New Business

- **Prayer/Silent Reflection at meetings:** A parent asked if it would be appropriate for the PTA to have a prayer before the meeting. In accordance to the local, state and national PTA By-laws the local units must remain non-secular. The PTA will consider a moment of 'silent reflection' and/or 'inspirational message' before each meeting.
- **Scholastic Book Fair Teacher incentives:** Guidelines need to be clearly relayed to teachers/staff regarding the allowance given for books. A decision should be made if teachers/staff can use this allowance at the Scholastic Book Outlet/Store.
- **Progress Report inserts:** Next progress report mailing will be in April, items must be received in the office by April 2.
- **Legislative:** The Wauwatosa PTA Council encourages PTA members to learn more about the current effort of legislators to change the current school funding formula.

- **Whitman Wire:** A suggestion was made to include staff contact information in the Whitman student directory.
- **Newsletter:** A newsletter will be distributed in the spring and possibly in the summer before school begins. It was suggested that the Pick n' Save "We Care" information is included.

Announcements:

WAC: Friday, March 16 @ 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Discovery Day: Friday, March 16

Whitman PTA Meeting: Monday, April 2 @ 7:00 PM (Library)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Laura Startz *Whitman PTA Secretary*

Action Items:

- Laura Startz to submit Bylaws to state
- Judy Hart to contact Andrea Gaines regarding Simone
- Jeff Keranen to contact teacher regarding Scholastic Books
- Jeff Keranen to talk to Linda Babcock regarding EFW Coordinator
- Charisse Sarvela add to April Agenda the following: WAC update, 'New Family' communication and board nominations