



Marshall Road PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 16 November 2011

Attendees: Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Janet Trainer, Cathy Sontheimer, Debbie Corry, Clara Santos, Gina Womack, Natasha Perkins, Frank Capuano, Rita Monner, Coleen Chapman, Missy Walsh, Lisa Dauernheim; Jen Heiges – Principal; Beth Eachus – PTA President, Becky Kong – Vice-President, Randy Weinhardt – Treasurer, Alexandra Bates – Secretary

I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Beth Eachus called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

II. **President's Report – Beth Eachus**

- a. Fifty for Fifty – We have 12 completed or ongoing service projects with 4 additional projects starting soon.
- b. Track – This Friday is the Runathon fundraiser. VYI is interested in partnering with the PTA in building the track.
 - i. A member asked whether other sports are opposed to the track. Beth has reached out to VYS; VYI has checked with other organizations as well. The proposed track will not reduce field space.
 - ii. A member asked about drainage issues. The track will be a crushed stone track per FCPS guidelines.
 - iii. A member suggested the PTA post a preliminary track plat on the PTA website.
- c. Classroom Fund – Each Marshall Road teacher has received a \$50 Target gift card.

III. **June Minutes – Alexandra Bates** – *A motion was made by Natasha Perkins, seconded by Rita Monner, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as written.*

IV. **Principal's Report – Jen Heiges**

- a. Fifty for Fifty – The SCA is meeting on Monday. SCA Class representatives will be submitting their classrooms' ideas for individual class service projects to the SCA for approval. We are videotaping each of the puzzle pieces as they are put up and will create a video of the puzzle and the projects over the course of the year.
- b. Lisa Barrow, Assistant Principal, has accepted a position as principal at another school. Administration has posted the opening and will be working with a panel of staff and parents(s) to fill the position.

V. **Treasurer's Report – Randy Weinhardt**

- a. Fall Book Fair brought in receipts of \$6805.10. Direct donations are \$4505.00 as of 10/31/11. We expect some additional funds from corporate matching programs. Family Fun night made a profit of

\$1263.06. The PTA contributed \$10,000 to the Principal's Fund last school year. This money was used for technology, in particular laptops/mobile lab for the school.

- b. Ending unrestricted balance per checkbook/savings and PayPal as of October 31, 2011 is \$16,851.83.

VI. **Committee Chair Reports**

- a. 50 for 50 - Beth Eachus and Becky Kong – We have 7 projects completed and 5 projects currently underway. Vienna Patch asked if MRE PTA would like to create a blog so that we can reach out to the community about our projects. Shelly Koshuta and Beth Eachus are working with the Patch. Thank you to the over 75 volunteers that attended the Nov 5th Town Cleanup at Southside Park. We will be kicking off a new project recycling aluminum drink pouches through Terracycle.net after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- b. Coat Drive – Natasha Perkins – We will be collecting new and gently used winter clothing items now through December 12th. Last year we collected over 242 items and we hope to exceed that goal this year. We are partnering with Graham Elementary School in Falls Church, an Arlington shelter, and CHO to deliver the items to those in need. Tax receipts are available in the office.
- c. Thanksgiving Luncheon – Debbie Corry – Everything is set for the lunch on Thursday, Nov 17. All volunteer slots are filled.
- d. Runathon – Missy Walsh – This Friday, Nov 18. We are still encouraging students to reach out to neighbors, friends and relatives for donations. People may go online to donate. Special thanks to Coqui Aspiazu for creating forms for PayPal and the website to help us track all the information.
- e. Directory – Beth Eachus – The directory is in the final stages and we hope to get the final version approved within the next weeks.
- f. Artist in Residence/ArtSmart – Rita Monner – We have a signed contract with artist Bonnie Fitzgerald. She will do an assembly with the 6th graders on December 13th. During the month of January, 6th graders will work in their art classes to create 4x4" tiles that will go into the mosaic. Other grades will make clay buttons during art that will also be incorporated into the mosaic. The goal is to install the mosaic in the front lobby in early spring. ArtSmart –Projects for artist Vincent Van Gogh and architect Frank Gehry are already underway. Frank Capuano has volunteered to come into classes during Art Smart time to take pictures of the students working. These will be shown as part of the Fine Arts night. There will be a lottery to select a few students' artwork to display in the school office. The artwork will rotate throughout the year.

VII. **New Business**

- a. Budget Amendment. Beth Eachus proposed a \$2500 increase to the budget line item Silent Auction – Spring from \$500 to \$3000. This money is necessary to cover up-front costs of our 50th Anniversary Benefit and Auction at Westwood Country Club on Friday, March 23rd.

A motion to amend the budget was made by Gina Womack, seconded by Natasha Perkins, and passed unanimously.

VIII. Unfinished Business – None.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 pm.