

Kellogg Middle School PTSA 6.12.85
Revised Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2009

In Attendance: Michele Luche, Gina Zadra Walton, Jeana Lorbiecki, Kelly Owens, Carol Worthen, Patty Feagin, Susan Martin, Lori Longo, Anne Marie Culver, Jamie Froebe, Kim Josund, Diane Zevenbergen, Nancy Graves

Michele Luche called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Approve Minutes: October Minutes were not available for approval and will be approved in January.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The October 31, 2009 Treasurer's Report was presented. All benevolence expenditures have been distributed. Pass the hat donations are at \$3,800; we need an additional \$2,500 to reach our Pass the Hat/Other Fundraising minimum target. We will have to spend down our reserves, even if we reach our minimum target, and our aim is to exceed the minimum so that we spend down less.

TEACHER'S REPORT – Anne Marie Culver: Season 2 sports start tomorrow ...it's critical that all paperwork is in as there are far more students wanting to play than the 12 spots available. There is a 'cleared' list in the office. Marie Hurtado is going to run a divorce support group and is starting to take names now. Mollie Forry says thank you for supporting the mentor program and for treats. Honor Society induction is Thursday the 19th of November. Mrs. Ruis says thank you for all the supplies she has received for Spanish.

LEVY There was a meeting on Oct 21st at the Shoreline Center regarding the bond/levy. There are 2 levies and 1 bond coming up for approval February 9th. 1st is Maintenance and Operations levy, 2nd is the technology /personnel, professional development levy and 3rd are High Schools bonds for Shorewood and Shorecrest. Amounts will be set at the board meeting on Nov 16th. Nov 18th is the next meeting of the Steering Committee. The website is www.renewourcommitment.org. Lori Longo reported that the board did decide on the levy amounts at last night's meeting and they were successful in being able to maintain or even lower the current costs per family.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Applegate Grant – there is money available and Michele is looking into it. There is discussion about whether Embrace Shoreline should be affiliated with the PTSA or if the church should lead it.

WAYS AND MEANS Insider Pages Fundraiser packet was presented. We can raise up to \$10,000 for writing referrals in a 3 week period. It was suggested that Pass the Hat be presented at the beginning of the night so that they have time to write checks. Looking into a Kellogg blanket to raffle off at an event in the future.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR We have volunteers for Reflections, Dance, filing and stuffing envelopes. Molly Forry will need volunteers for the National Honor Society event. Please call if you need volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP: Phone books will be out soon so membership cards will be attached and distributed. Close to 300 members to date.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UPDATE October 2nd and 3rd - Both amendments to issue passed! 1) Amendment to Basic Education Funding and 2) Amendment to support Rational Approaches to Teacher Compensation. Two issues added to those 12 issues adopted 2008-9 are #13-Music and Arts Education and #14-Increase funding and support for Highly Capable Student. Funding Education First issue was not adopted. Weighted GPA issue was referred to State Legislation Committee for clarification.

NEWSLETTER Many people didn't realize that they could open the attachment to the email to see the Scroll...there will be an adjustment period to reading the email version. Next week is the deadline.

REFLECTIONS: Thinks it will be an issue that the deadline for the entries, November 18 is the day before the council's deadline. So, all three events will happen on the 18th: the deadline, the judging & the reception. Lori will facilitate the invitation by RoboCall in lieu of the personal invitation to entrants.

FAMILY SERVICES: The Annual Food, Gift and Toy Drive is coming up Dec 7th thru 18th. Ideally all Kellogg families will give 3 items. Teen gifts were low last year. Donation ideas will be available online. Volunteers will be needed for the delivery on December 19th. Collection of teen gifts will occur during 30 minute window, on stage, under adult supervision. Lori will do RoboCall to alert families as to the process involved if they are in need of assistance thru the drive. Boxes are needed for families to carry their goods home in.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: The dance was very nice...very successful, the kid's had a great time; very well done, especially for a last minute chair. Lots of kids were dancing. Halloween treats for the staff were MOST appreciated. The athletics this year has been a challenge with the change in leagues. Some of the other districts no longer have 7th graders. We no longer have a full week in between so there are lots of overlaps that have been challenging for the coaches and the kids. It has been beyond our control: the start of the athletic programs was delayed to be coordinated with other schools. Dates of dances and such are not set by the PTA or even by the school. The schedule for the rest of the year is still up in the air – will come from the league. Anna Anderson is our Drug and Alcohol counselor this year and is working with the Center for Human Services. The 7th grader program is called Life Skills, is more preventive - so that they won't use, not for those who are already using. They will be conducting a Drug & Alcohol intervention on Nov 10th at the Shoreline Center, Lori highly recommends it. See website under Parents section. Our wonderful French teacher Emily Gray Greif is moving to Washington DC next week as her husband got a job there. She has been an outstanding educator! Tasha Stevenson will be joining us. She has taught for 6 years at Whitman, overseas for the last 6 years and has outstanding references and has taught at middle school. So we're very lucky to have found her. Emily and Tasha have been working closely to make the transition a smooth one. The website has been updated and cleaned up. If you look under the athletics section it is more current, as are the bulletins and newsletters. Schedule changes are coming up on iCal – Lori encourages parents to look them up. Data Dashboard and grades are going up every two weeks. Again, Lori encourages parents to look...she can tell who is checking and who is not! ;0) Emergency/Safety won a grant and has hired a safety consultant in emergency and critical care response and looking into inventory of emergency supplies, nonperishable items.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm
Submitted by Jeana Lorbiecki
Kellogg Middle School PTSA Secretary