

# Maclary Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

## April 4, 2007

Pending Board Approval

### Call to Order

Attendance

Officers Present- Dave Carlyle – Treasurer  
Michelle Deeble – Co-Vice President  
Tina Mah – Secretary

Members Attending – 12

Minutes from 3-05-07 voted in

### **Treasurers Report**

\$18,336 in checking

\$3,039 in money market

\$2,1375 Total

February Income \$3723

Expenses \$1645

Total \$2078

Our expected expenses for the remainder of the year are:

\$14145

We will not do another McDonalds night because there is not enough time left and the teachers are very busy.

Bree Williams has asked that we vote to reimburse her the beginning of the year teacher's gift. She was out on maternity leave. Amy Marcheski voted yes and Karen Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Lois Barth has asked we buy medals for the art rewards, \$32.50, Susan Guariano voted yes and Tina Mah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Reflections are over by \$89.22. Suggest we vote on increasing the budget and reimbursing the money. Susan Guariano voted yes and Ali Muthu 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

The Ice Skating party was over by \$124. Suggest we vote on increasing the budget and reimbursing the money. Susan voted Yes and Karyn Duca 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

### Updates and New Business

**List Serve Update** – Ali Muthu- Dave Carlyle typed in all the e-mails from the directory because it was not possible to download the e-mails from the disk. Ali made a yahoo group Maclary PTA. The first message sent out was for tonights meeting. Out of over 100 e-mails

there were only 10 rejections. No negative responses were sent back from recipients.

Teacher Appreciation – Tina Mah – works in progress. Had a meeting last Thurs with most homeroom moms to gather ideas and line up help. Another meeting is planned for Thurs April 19 to firm up plans.

**Blue Rocks Night** – Dave Carlyle- April 28. Order forms went out and are due by April 14.

**Spiritware** – Dave Carlyle – we usually do another drive during the spring and offer some different items (tie dye and shorts). 200 pieces are usually ordered. Found a new company looking for our business who is local and prices are cheaper. However, we would have to sort the items. The previous company bagged and tagged items according to student. We were in agreement to try the new company this year. Amy Marcheski will be chairperson.

**Next Year's Fundraiser** – Tina Mah – met with Ken McHugh who represented Cherrydale. He is representing a new line, Katherine Beich and Gianni's. The Katherine Beich catalog has wrapping paper, gift items, household items, candy, magazines, jewelry and flowers. Ken would offer a big kickoff assembly, and end of the fundraiser party for those who sold 10 items or more. Also, prizes will be awarded to those with highest items and dollars sold. Limo ride for top selling class, and if we hit an outrageous goal, Mr. Shelton will kiss a pig. In January we will run a food fundraiser with the Gianni's line; pizza, calzones, cookie dough and desserts (no pies). Tie it in with Super Bowl or just Winter Blahs comfort food. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that this would be a good idea.

**Shamrock Hop** –Tina Mah- collected \$1473.25. Presold 329 tickets. Another 20+ tickets were sold at the door. Presold 751 refreshment tickets at .50 cents each and approx. \$200 worth of tickets at the dance. Expenses were \$310 for DJ Express (which we will never use again, because he was late and stressed me out!) I tipped the DJ Assistant \$10 because he was early. Printing \$35, Food and snacks \$135, Decorations were used from last year, and glow sticks were the left over's from the Fall Festival. Profit \$983.25

**BOGO Book Fair** – Dave Carlyle (for Carol Hall) will be held May 7-11. Volunteers are needed. Sign up sheet was passed around. Karen Moore, Melinda Mullen, Ali Muthu, Amy Marcheski, Wanda Lopez, Caryn Duca and Tina Mah signed up to help.

**Field Day** – Will be held 5/18. Volunteers needed so sign up sheet was also passed around for that. Karen Moore, Melinda Mullen, Amy Marcheski, Wanda Lopez, Caryn Duca (poss.), and Tina Mah signed up to help.

**Perkins Night** - will be Wed. April 25. Reminders will go out in Maclarion.

**Kids Note Cards** – Michelle Deeble – Not as big a response as thought. Turn in date was extended until Thurs. (tomorrow). Ms. Barth was kind enough to coordinate having the kids draw something on the note cards, sending them home and getting them back to Michelle.

**Open PTA Chairperson positions** –Treasurer, The Maclarion, Teacher Appreciation, Movie Night, Blue Rocks Game, Pot Luck Bingo, Ice Skating Party, Assemblies, Book Fairs, Field Day, Website, Teacher Wish Lists, McDonalds Family Night.

**Q and A about Abatement (asbestos removal)** – Howard Smith, CSD Project Manager. Went over the schedule for next stage of construction and how they will handle containment of the asbestos in the ceiling and floor of the back left hallway. Construction will start tomorrow and be carried out over spring break. This procedure will be highly regulated by the EPA to ensure the safety of the environment in the school. Certified contractors are used. Removal barriers are put up to contain the asbestos, consisting of plastic sheets and lots of duct tape. Upon return from Spring Break there will be bare floors in the back left wing of the school and a drop ceiling grid (no tiles). By beginning the construction now, it gives the contractors a jump in the schedule and hopefully plenty of time to finish the remainder of the construction over the summer.

### **Guest Speakers**

**Sue Rosenthal and Sandy Stevens, presented, “Finding Good Books for Kids.”** Ms. Stevens showed us how to access books and other useful resources using the Maclary Library Homepage at [www.christina.k12.de.us/maclary/library/](http://www.christina.k12.de.us/maclary/library/). Ms. Rosenthal listed different kinds of books to explore. Teachable moments can come from reading a variety of books. Some of the examples listed were poetry, drama, folklore and informational. She also referenced and made copies available of the Children’s Choices for 2006. More than 460 books were evaluated by children and voted on. The top 97 titles for 2006 were announced at the International Reading Association

Convention in May. Ms. Rosenthal can provide you with the list if you are interested. You another resource available to research different types of books is the International Reading Association at [www.ira.org](http://www.ira.org). It has lists of new and best selling book titles for specific age groups and genders of children. This resource is helpful when looking for a book as a gift. You are encouraged to utilize these websites to further encourage your child in reading.

**Paul Kough presented Enrichment Clusters**– Clusters have taken place of the Gifted and Talented Program. This way every student can explore and have a deeper experience in a topic or activity that is of interest to them. They will begin on Friday May, 4, and continue May 11, 18, 25 from 2-2:55PM, for grades 1-5. If you have a special talent or hobby you would be willing to teach kids, or you are willing to assist in a cluster, please get in touch with Paul Kough. A catalog will be put together of all the clusters available, and the kids will choose 3 that interest them. 10-15 kids per group is what they are aiming for, but that depends on how many clusters are available. The more people we have, the smaller the groups will be, which is a benefit.

### **Close of Business**

Submitted by Tina Mah