

**Maclary PTA Minutes- October 4, 2006 Meeting
Pending Board Approval**

Business

Tina Mah was voted in as Secretary for this year

Treasures report – Dave Carlyle- \$3989 in checking acct, \$3031 in money market, Total \$7021

Known expenses so far for this October:

\$2015 for spiritwear, \$750 for 4th grade field trip, \$571 for national geographic for 3rd grade

Leaving \$653 in checking and \$3685 overall

We are hoping for a big month fundraising, to replace what will go out and then some.

Guest Speaker – Cana from Huntington Learning Center gave a presentation on “Homework: A Parent’s Survival Guide.” She gave some practical advice on how to handle common homework objections from your child. Workbooks were provided; more may be available in the office or by contacting Huntington Learning Center.

Chairperson’s reports

Sally Foster – Melinda Mullin – Order forms went out last week. Going well so far. Forms are due in next Thursday Oct 12.

Cherrydale Farms – Tina Mah – Order forms went out the day after Sally Foster. Rep. Ken McHugh was not happy about the two being done at the same time. Teachers seemed a little overwhelmed at the amount of paperwork to keep track of. Sales will show if it was the right thing to do or not. Forms are due in on Oct. 12 as well, not the 13th, because there is no school that Friday.

Sand Dollar- Valarie Halfen – forms went out. She had with her some extra forms with more participating businesses listed. Valarie says she has sold 10 already.

Entertainment Book – Ali Muthu agreed to be the chairperson for this fundraiser. She will get forms out to the teachers. No books will go out this year, only the forms. If anyone wants to buy some, we have 500 available. If we need more we can order them, or send back what we do not need.

Fall Festival- Valarie Halfen – everything is in place for the most part. Forms for volunteers went out in the Maclarion today. Each classroom is donating a theme basket for the silent auction; they are currently working on collecting everything. Jane Rishel and Ms. Litzenger are taking care of collecting and wrapping them all. Valarie has about 30 other prizes she has collected as well. Mary Kay is contributing some product for the auction in turn for having a table set up for display. Some former students of Maclary who still have siblings here are volunteering to help out. Any older siblings are welcome to come help out! We voted “yes” to have a gentleman Valarie knows, walk around and sell “jellyfish yoyos”, and “sandy candy”, as well as entertain the kids. He will donate 25% of his earnings to the PTA; however, he will have to take cash instead of tickets.

Perkins Night – Carol Hall- October 25 4-8pm

Web Site – Dave Carlyle – Jennifer Lambe will help by keeping the calendar updated. Kelly Baker is to remove the old PTA website. Dave is open to suggestions for things to add or change. The company is Skilltech.com.

Spirit Ware – Cathy Duffus -21 additional orders were found in the office. She managed to get the orders in with the original order, however it will delay the arrival date a few weeks. Should be here the end of Oct.

Homeroom Parent Coordinator- Maureen Connell- will be helping to improve communication between PTA and teachers. Planning a meeting to line up a person in each classroom to take pictures throughout the year, which will help out the yearbook committee.

Reflections – Michele Deeble- National PTA is looking for a theme for its 2008-2009 Reflections Program. Forms just went out in the Maclarion for any student who would like to enter their theme idea. Forms are due back Oct 24. Student who submits winning entry receives \$100. This year’s theme will be “My Favorite Place”, and more information will follow in the next few weeks.

Movie Night –need a chair person – Dave Carlyle suggested looking into changing the format instead of having it at the school. Possibly rent out a movie theater or something like that. Anyone willing to Chair this event please let the PTA know.

Wish Lists – Carol Hall – Listed some of the things in the Maclarion and will also put on the web site.

• Gently used board games	• Tennis balls (for chair in rooms W/no carpet)
• Gently used books (K-5 grade)	• Empty paper towel and T.P rolls
• School or office supplies	• Yarn
• Puzzles	• Small yogurt containers
• Gently uses dress-up clothes	• Paper towels and tissues
• Household fans	• Liquid soap and hand sanitizer

Assembly – need a chairperson – responsibilities include looking into guests who will provide educational entertainment for the students, i.e. The Franklin Institute. Ms. Markowitz is the teacher chairperson and has a list of possibilities to choose from.

Change for Maclary – Michelle Deeble - Dawn Tackett agreed to help this year in order to take it over next year.

Yearbook – Michelle Deeble and Brook Kelly – Tammi Quirk agreed to help this year in order to take over next year

Dan Shelton – Discussed School Safety. Assured us there is a security plan in place. Doors are locked during the day, and construction workers are only allowed to use the entrance through the boiler room. Outside the door is fenced in and only has access to the workers.

Renovations – nearing the completion of Phase 1. New cubbies/lockers are in the renovated rooms. HVAC units are being installed now, after which the floors will be put down. Over Thanksgiving break floors will be waxed and shined. Grade level workshops are up and running. If you have any questions about the workshops talk to Mr. Shelton District Finances- still tight. However, another copier will be available soon, it is on the way. Yea! There is still a limit on clicks and everyone is encouraged to use copy works, for big jobs especially.

There is a new Talent Development Teacher that will be working with select kids.

Discussed offering Odyssey of the Mind, however it is a big commitment and would need a parent coordinator if anyone is interested. Otherwise we won't offer it at Maclary.

Math League – Ms. Markowitz is looking into it for everyone as an after school activity.

Submitted by Tina Mah