

Matoaka Elementary PTA August 30, 2012 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. In attendance: Lane McCann, Nicole Galindo, Debbie Wright, Francie Teer, Anna Hughes, Brandy Centolanza, Ginney Tenney, Erin Otis, Fran Metzger, Wilma Allen, Braz Brandt, Beth Robles
2. Anna Hughes introduced herself as the new PTA president, given Tatia Granger's resignation for health reasons.
3. Treasurer's Report: Beth Robles, on behalf of Karen Quinlan, passed around the proposed budget for this year. The budget will be approved at the general membership meeting in September. Beth also explained the new reimbursement sheet and the need to attach all receipts and invoices to it as well as the tax exempt form. She encouraged folks to keep a copy of this form in their vehicle when out purchasing items for committees. Beth also explained the money register form, which requires two signatures.
4. Grocery Programs: Lane McCann will be collecting grocery receipts and labels for education labels. Farm Fresh program starts Sept. 8 with double points earned in September and January. Martin's program runs October through March. Folks will need to reregister their card. Harris Teeter, Food Lion and Target will also have programs.
5. Box Tops: Debbie Wright will be collecting box tops again this year, with another trophy contest for the top class collectors. There will be three collection times, with the first collection deadline set for Oct. 15. Debbie passed around a sheet with easy ways to earn box tops by visiting the following websites: btfe.com; or generalmills.promo.eprize.com/acchex.
6. Merchandise: Open house was a success. People are pleased with the new T-shirt designs. Orders for the sweatshirts/hoodies will continue to be taken through Back to School Night.
7. Spirit Nights: First spirit night is tentatively set for Nov. 14 at Z Pizza. Other spirit night possibilities include Moe's in the winter and Zinga's in the spring.
8. Cultural Arts: Francie Teer is bringing a live theatre performance Rags to Riches in October, and suggested a possible evening performance as well for a family event. Other performances include The Life and Times of Martin Luther King Jr. in February, Ben Franklin and His Kite in April as well as a possible BMX Stunt Show in the spring.
9. Family Fun Nights: A possible movie night is being planned.

10. Membership: Open House went well. Some 70 families have joined so far as well as 19 teachers. Family membership for \$10 is proving to be a hit. Goal for this year is 450 members.
11. Reflections: This year's theme is Magic of a Moment. Changes in the national PTA procedure will make it easier to participate, particularly for teachers to encourage more student participation. There is also a new art division for special needs students. Fran Metzger set a tentative deadline of Oct. 16.
12. Matoaka Dads: Braz Brandt mentioned that the committee is looking for costumes for dads to dress up in when coming into the classroom to read. Committee is still working on a date and details for the program kick off breakfast.
13. New Business: The board is looking for a VP of programs to replace Anna Hughes now that she has stepped up as president. Board meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18. The Boo Hoo Yahoo breakfast for kindergarten parents is set for Sept. 7 at 9:30 a.m. There is a new program, Helping Hands, in which parents can provide necessities for students in need. The necessities will vary from month to month.
14. Principal's Report: Erin Otis, on behalf of Andy Jacobs, announced that there are 730 students enrolled for this year. There is also a new media specialist, Elizabeth Crispino. An additional 5th grade class was added, with Amy Eggart hired. Donna Madison moved up to 2nd grade. A sixth kindergarten class will not be added. A new assistant principal will be announced in two weeks.
15. Reminders: Anna Hughes and Andy Jacobs need to approve any fliers going out to parents and all fliers must include the Matoaka PTA logo.
16. Spring Fest: A date is still being determined. There will likely be a student contest to come up with a name for the new event.
17. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.