

Matoaka Elementary School PTA Meeting
February 15, 2012

Erin Otis called meeting to order at 6:36PM

Motion to adopt the minutes from January's meeting was made by Beth Robies and seconded by Leanne Conrad.

President's Report by Erin Otis

- Erin announced that the Nominating committee sign up was coming around, and that members were needed to ensure new PTA officers are found and ready for nomination.
- By Laws Committee is forming with Beth, Leanne, Christian, and 2 more members are needed.
- Great job to hospitality on Valentine's Day!
- Next MAT PTA meeting is March 13
- March 16 Theatre IV will come to Matoaka

Vice President's Report by Leanne Conrad

- Science fair and dinner is tomorrow night. There was an even split for families buying a whole pizza and families signing up for one free slice. Science passports will be stamped as kids attend stations. Prizes, such as tickets to VA Living Museum and Air & Space Museum, were supplied by the PTA.
- Reflections council award was held at Matoaka. Amy Harris chaired the event. Students awarded were read aloud. An ice cream social for Matoaka entries will be held soon.

Vice President's Report by Christian Dunn

- Merchandise issue with peeling labels has been resolved. Merchandise will be sold at the Family Fitness Night.
- Grocery Program, Martians already at \$700!
- Spirit Night at Moes earned \$350, which is a huge success!
- Box tops is doing a great job!

Treasurer's Report by Karen Quinlan: Our bank account is at \$18,734.73. The report was distributed. There was no discussion.

Principal's Report by Mr. Jacobs

- Thank you to hospitality!
- Thank you to Dan for vitalizing the Dad's program!
- 100th day of school was on Monday
- Valentine's Day was quite a bit healthier than usual!
- Family Fitness night is coming up
- Foreign Language program has 68 students so far. Mr. Jacobs likes working with Jeanine, and the Lango program. Parents are happy, and finding it to be an interactive and innovative program. Next cycle will begin soon.
- Budget will be presented by the Superintendent next Tuesday at the Board

Meeting. (Christian Dunn added that there is also a 7:00 meeting on Monday at Berkeley Middle School).

Box Tops by Debbie Wright

- For this cycle, Ferrara won, Eaton got second, and Moser got third.
- She is looking at a water fun day for the three classes of kids as a prize for winning.
- Idea raised of giving a letter explaining box tops to all parents registering new kindergarteners at the Kindergarten Registration on May 4th.
- Chambrell donates box tops to us.

Walkathon by Tasha Granger

- It will be held on Friday, April 20, from 9-11:30.
- After March 1, more information will come out about the event.
- Still looking for contacts for gifts for kids.
- Goal is to raise \$10,000

Yearbook by Brandy Centolanza:

- 200 yearbooks have already been sold. Now price has gone up to \$25.
- Need photos of kids in each class by April 13th.
- Discussion about number of books ordered, possibility of PTA funding yearbooks for fifth graders who can't afford them, and the likelihood of staying with Lifetouch again next year.

Healthy Lifestyles by Tryna Fitzpatrick

- We had a virus on the server for the website, but it is resolved now. Website server is donated by the Fitzpatricks.
- Publicity for healthy lifestyles is as follows: Brandy wrote an article for VA Teacher and Christian contacted Amber Nester from WY Daily to talk about our local food initiative.
- In April, food samples will go to the classroom and not to the cafeteria.
- After spring break there will be a gardening event
- Golden Apple award will go to Mrs. Forget's class
- Michelle will speak at PTA council about Healthy Lifestyles at the March meeting

New Business:

- Erin Otis announced that Beth, Christian, Karen, Tasha, Dan, and Mr. Jacobs were all on the nominating committee. They are all appointed, and will elect a chair at their first meeting.
- Standing Rules needing to be adjusted are as follows:
- Job descriptions will be placed into binders to ensure smooth transitions from year to year.
- In fundraising events over \$1000 both treasurer and board member will count and verify amount.
- School wide communication will go to the PTA president, Vice presidents, and Principal Jacobs, before being distributed.

- Karen motions to accept these new standing rules, and Diane seconds the motion.
- Leanne announced that the science fair budget was \$500, and made a motion to amend the budget to add \$200. This went to a vote and passed.
- Leanne added idea of a PTA President and President Elect (a person who would shadow the president for a year), and proposed adding this to the By Laws.
- Principal Andy Jacobs asked about the amount that schools can carry over for next year, and Karen announced that we can carry over half of our operating budget, which is \$22,000. Currently we have \$5400 in budget for gifting the school.