

## **MINUTES FROM THE 04/28/08 PTA COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:43. The following people were in attendance: L. Caruana, M. Gryzlo, M. Jones, K. LaFiandra, C. Shin, J. Hurban, J. Casey, Mary Paul, T. Costello, J. Armetta, M. Leader, L. Neuendorf and K. Mart.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 4/8/08 meeting by J. Casey. Seconded by M. Paul. The motion was passed.

### Treasurer's report

No financial transactions for the past month. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by M. Paul and seconded by J. Casey. The motion was passed.

### Council President's Report

SEPTA has not approved the school budget yet. They will do a vote via e-mail/phone. SEPTA still needs directories.

M. Gryzlo made a motion for council to approve the budget, seconded by L. Neuendorf. The motion was passed. Lucia will set up a calling post account for council to do budget phone call reminders. Poll watchers are needed to make phone calls to people who have not come out to vote. Calls are made starting approximately 6PM. D. Jensen volunteered to do it at the middle school. Judy Hurban, Mary Paul, Kathy Mart volunteered to be greeters at the Candidates Forum. Micki Leader volunteered to be a question screener. Laura Neuendorf will be an alternate. D. Jensen and K. Beckman will put up the banners at each school. The banners should be marked "Property of ...". One of the SOCES banners was missing last year. Three more volunteers are needed for the nominating committee. L. Neuendorf volunteered to be on the committee. The date for the installation of new officers for the PTA units will be June 18<sup>th</sup>. C. Shin will order the pins for the three departing presidents. The four departing presidents are K. Von Dollen, J. Armetta, Cynthia Scherf and D. Jensen. People are needed to sit on the Personnel Interview Committees for the openings for the 2008-2009 school year. J. Armetta and M. Jones volunteered to be on the committee

Ellen Jaffe was the guest speaker at tonight's meeting. She was a teacher for 20 years. Is looking at funding our schools in a different way, rather than tax increases for homeowners. State funding was increased for the 2008-2009 school year. Ellen is opposed to property tax caps. Increase aid at the state level and the state should fund the new mandates.

The Curriculum Council will meet on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the SOMS Library.

The Wellness Committee will meet on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:45AM at SOMS.

### Unit President's Reports

#### SEPTA

Kevin Fleischman will do a presentation on May 15<sup>th</sup> on health for all ages.

#### SOCES

Luau will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Square One Art is in progress at each school. Spring pictures have been taken. The next PTA meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### ECP

May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Family Fun Day and volunteers are still needed to help.

### New Business

The Wellness Walk and Health Fair will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The PTA council should take the initiative to talk about sexual issues at all age levels. Anti-bullying policies should start at the kindergarten level.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:50 by J. Armetta, seconded by M. Paul. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart