

**Parma Early Childhood PTA-Parma Cluster
September-General Board Meeting
November 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. at Shiloh Middle School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was by all in attendance.

A Quorum of at least 15 was present. 48 people were at the meeting.

Inspiration: The inspiration was read by Karen Slesinger -"Handwriting on the Wall"

Treasurer's Report: Balance brought forward is: \$9,013.80 There was \$2,992.56 of disbursement with a balance of \$13,238.74.

President's report: President, Christy Krnac welcomed all members. She thanked all the vendors that joined us that night for our annual Vendor's Night. There is information regarding the conference Christy and Jenn attended that we can check out at www.ohptaadvocacy.com. Christy also thanked Carrie Baumgartner for a job well done with the wing ding. Christy will post the historian report on the website this week.

Officer's Reports:

1st. Vice President-Lynne Morella-Our December meeting will also be our holiday dinner. Tuesday, December 15th. at 6:30 p.m. at Stancato's. There will be \$12 due per person for the dinner. Please have the money to Lynne by December 1st. Lynne is also in charge of the Winter Party which will be held on Saturday, December 5th. at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Valley Forge High School. The theme will be the Polar Express. There is a sign up sheet tonight. Please list number of adults, children, and food or beverage you will be bringing.

2nd. Vice President-Carrie Baumgartner-The Wing Ding profit was \$2,828.00!! Carrie thanked everyone for their help and support. Scratch cards are due by December 31st. If you have not met your fundraising requirement please see Carrie so she can get you a scratch card to work on. There will be information to come regarding the Spring Resale. There will be sign up sheets for the resale at the holiday dinner. The Kids Stuff books and money are due today. The Original Works are in, please speak with her to meet up and get your finished projects, otherwise she will bring them to the holiday dinner.

3rd. Vice President-Jenn Davis-There will be information coming regarding the outing Winter Wonderland at the Fairgrounds. The sign up sheet for Pump It Up is available tonight. Jenn also worked on switching the website. Our new website is www.pecpta.com, due to the fact that we needed more space. There are also emails created for outings, moms night out, etc. Everyone is already included in this, so the information will get passed on to everyone. The emails will be in place for future no matter who holds the role.

Treasurer-Carrie Boyert-Carrie read the treasurer report.

Membership-Kim Tomblin-There are more new members this evening. Kim will continue to update the member directory accordingly. There was an incentive program this year. For each member who enlisted a new member, that person would receive a white outing card worth \$1. Kim handed out those cards tonight to those members. Bumper stickers are still available for purchasing and she will bring them to the holiday dinner as well

Council Delegates-Gaby Albert, Shelly Dietz, and Aimee Simon(alternate)-Aimee read the report tonight. Dr. Zatik reported that Richmond Heights had the only school levy that passed this election. The Tri-C levy did not pass. There have strategy planning meetings and another meeting coming up.

Seven committee are in the planning meetings. We were blessed to have State Superintendent visit us. Other items mentioned were the dates for the school board meetings, which are, November 16, December 7, and December 14. OPTA district conference-Education structure will be changing. They're really looking at legislative issues. Also, Parma Council PTA's fundraiser at Kalahari Resort overnight on January 21st. Council will make \$10 on each round room sold. The First Step will be having their Wing Din at Bleachers on November 21st. Tickets are \$20 per person. Also, remember PTA has helped create the following..Child Labor Laws, Kindergarten, hot lunches, separate juvenile justice system, labels on records and ratings on TV shows. PTA addresses the needs of all children.

Standing Committee Reports:

Bulletins/Newsletter-Vicki Kerner-Vickie did bring a few copies tonight. Articles for the newsletters are due 2 weeks prior and please try to keep the information to a half page or less.

Community Service Projects-Dorian Lansky-Dorian did bring the angel tree tonight. There will also be a donation canister at all the outings to collect change for the family. The family we are supporting has a mom with an inoperatable tumor. She is unable to care properly for her son. The son has been unable to see his sister for a year and is suffering from posttraumatic syndrome because of it. The mother receives no child support. Christy will collect any donated items. Also, the items can be dropped off at Parma Collaborative which is above Antonio's restaurant. Please label the item with your name. Other great items for donating are wrapping paper and gift bags. There is a survey to help collect ideas on community service, please fill it out and email back to help Dorian get ideas on what we as a group would like to support.

Hospitality-Megan Mace-Megan is working on the Photo Directory. You can submit a single or family picture for your photo. Megan also thanked everyone for coming to the New Member social.

Inventory, Education, Legislation/Bylaws-Colleen Bell-The advocacy conference was held on November 4th. in Columbus. Legislation is trying to pass the Family Engagement in Education act. The house bill 318 is important. In our emails we receive information from PTA. The letters are prewritten to our Senators and Representatives, it only takes a minute to do the process. Funding for education will affect kids in school in the next few years. 851 million dollars was set aside in the budget for education, they are cutting the funding, will lose federal stimulus money. It's based on the state giving money. Can lose 10% in 2010 and 15% by 2011. The emails containing the prewritten letters to be sent on can help stop the cuts from happening. On the PTA website there is an Advocacy tab, legislative and the current legislation. It will tell you what to do, you can also see the PTA's position on all bills going through right now. Colleen is looking to make a list of preschools, pre-k programs, and kindergarten our groups children are attending. We can be a reference to each other, and find out some information about the different schools. Parma hospital's classes are being offered for December-February right now. 5 things to be successful...this month's tip is encourage independence. Preschoolers encourage getting dressed and picking out their clothes for example. School age children to go into school and to their classroom on their own, packing their own school bags for example.

Mom's Night Out-Aimee Simon-Saturday, December 19th at 9:30 p.m. at Parma Tavern for the band Double Shot. They do rock 70's and 80's. January, to be announced. The plan is for a night of pampering, wine, movie, manicures and facials for example. February will be the 87 West Wine Bar in Westlake. It is being rescheduled to February due to illness and hectic schedules this month.

New Business-If anyone is interested there is an advent bible school being offered. It is 4 hours and includes crafts, games, and movies. Contact Christy Krnac for more information. There are 2 canisters going around at the meetings. One is collecting change for the college scholarship fund and one is for donations for our babysitters at our monthly meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Missy Malachin, Recording Secretary

these minutes have not yet been read and approved