



May Mary Lin PTA General Meeting Minutes

A general meeting of the Mary Lin PTA was held on May 11, 2010, in the media center of Mary Lin Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President Boyd Baker at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established by the president. The secretary, Jennifer Gerz-Escandón was present in addition to approximately 19 members.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

The president welcomed everyone and announced the election of the following 2010-2011 Mary Lin PTA executive committee:

- President: Kelly Crutcher
- Vice President: Alex Coffman
- Secretary: Tom Chapel
- Treasurer: Lisa Bacote

Their term begins on May 26, 2010.

Boyd reminded members that unfilled PTA board and chair positions remain. Interested parties should see Kelly Crutcher. Parents and staff were thanked for their support of Ocho de Mayo, a fundraising event, which raised \$7,172 for art, music, Spanish and classroom needs in addition to selling \$2,700 in teacher Wishing Wall items. Names of raffle winners are posted on the PTA website. Ms. Fisher-Rogers sold the most raffle tickets and will be rewarded with a prime parking space. It was also noted that the Mary Lin Education Foundation spring giving campaign raised \$1,700 to date.

Under New Business, a request was made for a qualified person interested in auditing the PTA's books to contact Boyd Baker. The president then presented the board's recommendation to donate excess PTA funds to the Mary Lin Education Foundation and invited discussion.

A motion was made by PTA member Regina Brewer to approve the transfer of \$9,500 from the Mary Lin PTA to the Mary Lin Education Foundation, with the knowledge that approximately \$8,000 would be spent on First in Math, Study Island and a laminating machine for the school. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Cherie King, chair of the Mary Lin Education Foundation announced that the Foundation raised approximately \$50,000 this school year. PTA treasurer Eric Campbell reported the PTA raised over \$40,000 in the same time period.

Principal Mitchell thanked members for approving the budget recommendation and reported on Ms. Scrivner's Memorial dedication and celebration. On May 21, 2010 at 2 pm, all are invited to a dedication of the TommyLynn Scrivner Auditorium marked by a framed picture of Ms. Scrivner and a plaque. Afterwards, all are invited to greet and visit with her family during a reception at Neighbors Restaurant in Virginia-Highlands.

Dr. Mitchell announced that Mary Lin fifth graders out performed the state and the district on the annual Fifth Grade Writing Test.

He also provided an update on the renovation and addition to Mary Lin Elementary. The first meeting of the Project Committee recently took place and another is scheduled for late May. The composition of the committee, the proposals before the committee, the scope of renovations, the demolition of the Hall House, and the possibility of relocation were discussed. A groundbreaking date for the project has not been established. Regular updates will be forthcoming on the Principal's blog as well as the Mary Lin Atlanta Public Schools (red) Website. Additionally, any member of the committee may be contacted for information. (A complete list of committee member's names is available on the green website.)

The president announced the following upcoming and on-going events:

- Trivia Game Show and Dine-Out at Tijuana Garage, May 17
- Rocket Run 5K, June 19 (runners and volunteers needed)
- Summer Garden Boxes Auction, (ongoing, contact Ms. Wyczalkowski)
- Dirty Fingernails Club Native Plant Sale, ends May 17
- EPI Fall School Supply Sale, ends May 21

President Boyd Baker thanked teachers, staff, and PTA board for their service

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Gerz-Escandón, Secretary