

**PTA
Mary Lin Elementary School
General Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2011
Minutes**

The first general PTA meeting was held at Mary Lin School in the outdoor garden on Thursday, August 25, 2011.

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Alex Coffman, PTA President.

Welcome & Introduction

Minutes were approved of the last general meeting (May 15, 2011).

Introduced PTA members in attendance.

Discussed the budget and how we use a cash accounting system, meaning if we do not raise the money, we do not spend the money. We follow the July 1st – June 30th fiscal year.

Answered question about Science Night being held at night. Yes, it will be held November 15th, at night.

PTA Officers and Chairs 2011-2012

Position	Name
PTA Executives	
President	Alex Coffman
Vice-President	Jami Fogle
Secretary	Teresa Tinney
Treasurer	Yoko Hammond
Committee Chairs	
Building & Grounds	Sarah Cook Kevin Byers
Communication	Scott Mikus Elizabeth Crawford
Education	Kristen Howard Joan Beaulieu
Finance	Carla Homer Lisa Bacote
Fundraising	Jami Fogle
Health & Sustainability	Tricia Porter
Legislative	Polly McKinney
Membership	Claudia Berger
Parent Involvement	Anne Steib Anna Coan

Green Initiatives, Mrs. Wyczalkowski, Trisha Porter and Lori Blank

Explained why we are meeting in the outdoor classroom and how it is used throughout the school year.

Highlighted the garden and the 21 raised, all organic beds taken care of by the students throughout the school year.

Student Sofia Pozzo spoke to the group about her experience with the garden.

Trisha Porter spoke about wanting to find a garden parent for each class to coordinate planting, make something in the classroom for the garden or make food with items from the garden.

Lori Blank spoke about garden clean-up day and how it is important to get the beds cleared before planting can be done. Seeds will be planted this week, and planting will happen the third week of September.

Fundraising Update, Jami Fogle

Jami opened with ongoing passive ways of giving to Lin with Georgia Natural Gas and Box Tops for Education by General Mills. We made \$850 just from people cutting up little squares from boxes. General Mills offers healthy options like Cascadian Farm, gluten-free options, and household products like Kleenex, Scott and Hefty, so consider those products in your purchasing plans.

We're always looking for school sponsors via Directory ads and dine-outs.

We are in the process of working on the online directory and look forward to having that to everyone soon.

Spoke about the importance of keeping up with the *Rocket Blast* and the online calendar.

Jami introduced Tia Landau, and told how this month's dine-out at The Albert made Mary Lin \$600. Tia and Molly Smalley will be co-chairs of this year's dine-outs.

The next dine-out is September 12th at the Corner Tavern followed by Mojo, Doc Chey's, PURE, Savage Pizza, The Porter, Yeah! Burger, Cameli's and Victory Sandwich Bar. She stated she wanted everyone to hear the lineup to get excited about coming out and supporting these businesses who are supporting us. It's a great opportunity to break bread with your family, friends and neighbors while supporting our school.

January 30th to February 3rd is the Book Fair, chaired by Karla Kosar and Teresa Tinney.

Next year's school supply sale will have the supplies delivered directly to the classroom.

This year's big fundraiser will be the Boosterthon, which is more green and sustainable than previous fall fundraisers. If we do really well with Boosterthon, we could just have a party without all the work involved in having an auction at I our

Parent Party 3/2/12.

She introduced Billy from Boosterthon. He explained the timeline of the Boosterthon event starting September 6th with a pep rally, and then the Boosterthon team will be onsite for 9 days to help promote fitness and character building, under this year's theme EPIC Adventure. We will receive a pledge map to go online and enter pledges. September 15th will be the Fun Run held during the school day. All students, regardless of pledges collected, will receive a t-shirt. Expect most kids to run 25-35 laps. Boosterthon is partnered with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and have been used by Michelle Obama to promote wellness. He noted that only Mississippi is worse than Georgia in US obesity rates.

Foundation Update, *Kelly Crutcher*

Explained how this is the Foundation's 4th year. They are able to cover things that are needed without the restrictions of a set budget, and being innovative in how they raise funds.

They want to hear from parents about needs and ideas. They have lots of money to raise.

In the past they have raised funds for over 20 promethean, boards for the school.

They will be hosting the jumpies at this year's Candler Park Fall Fest.

Parents can donate at any time and the money is all tax deductible.

Alex Coffman adjourned the meeting at 4:32 pm.

Minutes taken by Anne Steib