

Tammy called the meeting to order at 7:04

In attendance:

Tammy Pressley, Brenda Struder, Laura Linton, Mary DiSano, Charlene Adler, Jennifer Sims, Judy Heilsnis, Linda Cozzolino, Kathy O'Bryan, and Allen Ellzey

Motion by Charlene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda to approve the 2/5/08 Meeting minutes.

PTA / Committee Reports:

Communications:

- Laura Linton formally recommended keeping Bulk Mailing account option. We realize more cost savings with one mailing and one 1<sup>st</sup> class mailing
- Judy reported that feedback on the size of the Class Directory was 50/50 so no final decision has been made on next year's directory. She received several inquiries asking to have emails included but several felt that emails were too much of a challenge, they are not part of the Wake Database and they change to often so no plans to include in the future.

Operations:

- Jennifer reported on the past two meetings. Topics of discussions –
  - Poe Health Center Program that provide parents information on student Eating Disorders, Body Images, Spotting Drug Use and Drug Behavior. Poe has a mobile work shop that is available. Tammy confirmed this is already scheduled for Salem Middle School, details to follow.
  - Bobby Guthrie, Athletic Director of WCPSS did presentation on WCPSS Athletics. He shared how little school get as far as athletic funding and that without Athletic Booster Club schools would have no athletic programs.
  - Presentation of Taxing Authority, possible Tax Increases. WCPSS Start Date Calendar to be reviewed again with a possible redirect of start date because of Kindergarten cut off date.
  - Cluster options of schools were presented to Chuck Delaney with each Cluster Option having a Traditional, Year-Round, Magnet within the Cluster so that you would opting to an option within the Cluster. The hope would be to help maintain Diversity/Similar School Standards.
  - District 8 is looking for 1 representative to sit on the Transportation Board. Meetings three times a year (summer months last year) from 11-1 downtown. Reviews Bus Stops, Start Times, Routing Assignments, Appeal Process. It only a review committee. Anyone interested can contact Jennifer and she'll submit the name and contact information.

Services:

- Mary DiSano reported that the February Chocolate Staff event was well received. Lots of donations.
- They are currently working on the Demark Partnership Presentation Luncheon. Catering by Georgina's, Salad from BJs. Expect staff plus 30 or so visitors. Mr. Ellezy is very excited about this presentation

#### Ways and Means:

- Still looking for a new chair for the magazine sales next year.
- Last Spirit Night scheduled at the Loop on 3/11/08

#### Treasurer:

- Reviewed budget
- PTA purchased four projectors for the school
- Still need to maintain a very close eye on budget items this year, limit all unnecessary spending

#### President Report:

- Laura Linton confirmed that almost all Board/Committee openings are full. She has one or two looking at the Magazine Drive Committee Chair.
- Tammy briefly discussed the Poe Health Center Mobile Unit scheduled for 3/24. Limited to the first 100 parents that RSVP. Gail Leight, PE Teacher is working to get the \$500 fee waived from WCPSS.
- PTA used funds to help a couple of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to be able to attend the Outer Banks field trip
- Tammy reported that the Salem Band is going to Gatlinburg in April and that one student will need financial assistance. The Booster is planning to cover part if not all of the fee. If some remaining amount needs to be covered Brenda made a motion for the PTA to cover not to exceed \$125 for this one student. Charlene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Teacher of the Year Banquet for Band Teacher, Bobby Henson is 5/15/08. Four Tickets will be purchased Bobby, Spouse, PTA President and Salem Principal. Charlene made a motion to purchase the four tickets (\$46 per seat), Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Tammy discussed article called Striking a Balance. Support of Diversity in Wake County School. Article can be found on line.
- Received a Thank You Note from Ms. Fairfax for funding to attend the Assistant Principals Retreat.
- Hall of Fame for PTA event schedule for 4/30 at Reedy Creek Middle School. Recognizes Wake County Leaders and 2009 Council Elections. Tammy has details if anyone is interested.

#### Principal's Report:

- Writing Test was March 4<sup>th</sup>. Salem Middle had 100% attendance and proctors for tracks 1, 3, 4. Track 2 will test on 3/11/08.
- Currently in window for track request change
- Should have numbers for next school year later in the week
- From Teacher Feedback we anticipate minimal changes.
- Demark Partnership Presentation scheduled for 3/6
- Engineer Week went very well, students seem to love the event

Next PTA meeting is April 8th, 2008.