

Salem Middle School
PTA Board Meeting
September 7, 2010

- **Call to Order** – 7:05 pm
- **Attendance / Introductions** – handouts included sign-in sheet, agenda, minutes from August 3rd meeting, and the treasurer’s report. Members in attendance were Angela Greene, Dee Deanhardt, Maria Hoopes, Stephanie Bagwell, Debbie White, Stephanie Cessna, Paulette Allison, Laurie Leonard, Ursula Karazin, Gina Williams and Principal Allen Ellzey.
- **Approval of August 2010 meeting minutes** –minutes were approved as submitted.
- **VP / Committee Reports**
 - **Communications** – Debbie White reported that the 2010-11 directories are done. She and Laurie Leonard, the membership chair, completed the distribution of all the directories to teachers earlier in the day. Teachers should be sending them home to all families that have joined the PTA as soon as possible. We have 464 members and will continue to promote PTA membership to both families and staff members. The first quarter newsletter should be ready to distribute by the end of the week.
 - **Operations** – Stephanie Cessna reported that the dates for awards breakfasts have been approved and will begin soon.
 - **Services** – Ursula reports that Special Events/Hospitality have not had any requests as yet. Patti Fiette reported that the Luau themed early release luncheon on August 20th went very well. Our grounds chair would be happy to have any volunteers/suggestions for improvements. The cultural arts committee has scheduled 6 out of 8 events. They are trying to finish up soon. They will be receiving about \$1000 in United Arts grant money, so they may come in well within budget.
 - **Ways & Means** – Maria Hoopes is sending out a flyer to staff and students during the next month to promote Harris Teeter card links.

We currently have about half as many participants as last year. Magazine sales receipts are continuing to come in on September 8th and one unadvertised collection on September 13th. There is concern over whether we will be able to meet our budget goals. Maria had looked into some other potential fundraising options. Many other schools and sports teams have begun fundraising also. We will wait and see how the magazine fundraiser does before pursue other fundraising ideas.

- **Treasurer's report** – Stephanie Bagwell went over the treasurer's report for everyone. We reviewed income sources and discussed where we stand with our magazine fundraiser. We need about \$26,500 in additional magazine income to meet our budget goals. We have sent a small startup donation to the Mills Park PTA. Donations were also taken by some staff members and given to the cafeteria to help feed students in need.
- **President's report** – We have publicized the NFL back to Football Friday event on 9/10/10. Everyone is encouraged to wear their NFL spirit wear and support youth wellness awareness. SMS families can register with www.NFL.com/backtofootball to help qualify the school for the prize money.
- **Principal's report**
 - Teachers and staff have begun using the Project Wisdom materials that the PTA voted to fund in the August meeting. The materials provide a very positive message and there has been a great deal of great feedback from the school team.
 - We made the enrollment goal of at least 1100 students. Thankfully we will not have any additional staff reductions.
 - 6th grade dance is scheduled for Friday, September 10th and an Internet Safety speaker from the Attorney General's office will be on campus that same evening. All parents are welcome to attend the Internet Safety presentation in the auditorium beginning at 6:30 pm.
 - Fall Sports teams have begun practicing and games will start soon.
 - Copy Room – The staff has been very complimentary of the efforts of the volunteer copy team. All of their work is greatly appreciated.

- There has been a greater on-campus presence from the school resource officer.
- **Next board meeting date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7pm in the Media Center.**