

# PTA MINUTES

## For March 17, 2009

The meeting opened with introductions from the candidates running for our school board. The candidates who attended were Peggy Babcock, Rich Bokor, Matthew Taylor, Mark Bloom, Tim Millar, Steven Miller, and Vicki Wilson. Missing was Nancy Carlson.

The NWSC PTA hosted a candidate forum on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. If you missed it you can find a video on the Whitely PTA website.

**Legislation.** Upcoming Events:

Candidates Forum for Mayor, Councilman District #1, Park District Board, Library Board, and School District Board #15

On Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

At Palatine High School

Meet the Mayoral Candidates

Wednesday, April 1 7-9 pm

Palatine Public Library

Important dates: March 16 – April 2, early voting at Village Hall (the only early voting site)

[April 7 is election day – PLEASE VOTE!](#)

**Nominating Committee:**

The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for the officers of the PH PTA for the 2009-2010 school year.

For Co-President: DONNA HIRSCH

For Co-Second Vice President- Membership: KLAUDIA LANNOYE

For Co-Third Vice President-Ways and Means: JOANNE WOJCIK & CAROL WITUCKI

For Co-Recording Secretaries: KRISTEN BERRYHILL & LYNN DAUGERDAS

For Corresponding Secretary: CINDY O'MARA

**Treasurer's Report:**

Total balance on hand: \$18,406.02

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Jan Sieben's mother passed away in Florida. We are waiting to see if there will be a service locally and will send our condolences.

Sharon Lasiewicz's father passed away. PTA gave sent her a pot of tulips. She was very grateful.

Anyone interested in being a room mom next year, please contact Sonya Castella.

**PTA President:**

Please look at and consider the open board positions in the Newsletter.

Notes from the President's meeting:

- there is discussion to raise the state PTA fees; we will vote on whether or not to increase our own at our next meeting
- executive board training will be provided at PH in the very near future if executive board folks are interested

The NWSC Changeover Dinner (formerly the school of information) will be on May 18. You should have received an invitation home from school. There will be a food drive at the event.

Reprographics will be closed the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Deadline for the April 3 Newsletter is this Friday.

Board of Ed is looking at the following:

- the district is losing 100+ students and 13 teachers
- allocating \$4 million dollars to building improvement to be done this summer
- there is a focus now on improving the district's technology

**Mr. Palcer:**

Thank you's to:

The Talent Show committee

Cougar Carnival committee

Room Parents – Valentine day parties

Fitness Fair organizers

ISATs are done – we should receive the scores this fall

CoGat results will be sent home with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in April.

District 15 Foundation is replacing their large dinner dance fundraiser with smaller events. Please try to attend one, they are a lot of fun and provide much needed grants for the District. In fact, this year PH has been the recipient of three foundation grants.

You should have already received a letter from Mr. Palcer regarding his sectioning decision for the upcoming school year. He has decided on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th grade multi-age classrooms.

**Teacher's report:**

The Smart Boards are now installed in all classrooms. The teachers are attending training sessions once a week during their lunch hour. Mrs. Berry and Mr. Bubaris are conducting these sessions.

**Field Day Committee:**

The planning committee is looking for volunteers to help in “planning” stages of the event. If you are interested please contact Donna Hirsch, Melissa Larson, or Joanne Wojick.

**Volunteer Winner for this month:** LOLITA FLYNN

**Ways and Means:**

**OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2009-2010 IS \$20,000.**

We are proposing a Walk-a-thon for the fall. This would replace the wrapping paper fundraiser we have had in the past. There may also be another fundraiser in the Spring. Many ideas were presented. These will be discussed further at future PTA meetings.

Meeting adjourned.