

## PTA Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 6, 2008

### ***Introduction:***

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at the Hollywood School Library. PTA board members in attendance were Laura Tracy, Kathy Barcal, Lisa Buffo, Kierith Kurth, Jennifer Perry, and Denise Notz. Also attending was Hollywood principal Vicki DeVlylder and 13 others

PTA President Laura Tracy began the meeting by introducing herself and the PTA board. She also provided Lindt chocolates and invited attendees to indulge. The rationale for this was that chocolate has been found to improve mood.

### ***Recording Secretary Report:***

The minutes from the Thursday, May 11, 2007 were passed out and no corrections were noted. A motion to approve them was made and seconded, though I think most of us have trouble remembering last week, let alone a meeting from last May. Greg Fleischman, the recording secretary for the previous school year was the author of the extraordinary minutes. There were some comments about the big shoes I must fill as the new recording secretary

### ***Treasurer s Report:***

Denise Notz presented the August Treasurer's report and explained that the majority of the activity was wrap up of the 2006/2007 school year, with exception of Holiday Gift Shoppe 2007 expenditures. The report was accepted.

In addition, Laura Tracy and Denise Notz presented the budget. A brief explanation of the budget and its components was given. A motion was made to present the budget for approval at Fall Parent Night on Thursday, September 13, 2007.

### ***Corresponding Secretary s Report:***

Keirith Kurth reported on summer activity. She sent a sympathy card to the family of Annamae Sica and also a \$50 donation to the American Cancer Society in memory of Annamae Sica. A sympathy card was also sent to the family of Bette Kayse, a Hollywood resident who had been active in the Hollywood PTA when her children attended the school. Welcome notes/Parent tea invitations were sent to new Hollywood Families.

Thank you notes were received from the Sica family, the American Cancer Society, and Kathy Barcal for her long overdue outgoing president gift.

Activity during the first week of school consisted of a Congratulations cards to Ryan and Traci Bookler for their wedding and belated birthday greetings to Bill Howes, Marie Rerucha, and Jenny Barhorst, whose birthday is the same day as mine.

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School library. Donations are being handled by Hollywood School

A fund in memory of Bette Kayse has been set up to benefit the Hollywood School PTA Cultural Arts program. Donations are being handled by the PTA.

### ***School/District News:***

Dr. Lamberson was not in attendance due to a conference. He will be at the October PTA meeting. Ms. DeVylder talked about the first day of school activities district wide. Hauser had team activities. Central had its annual balloon release. Blythe had the Jesse White Tumblers perform. Ames had a marionette performance. Hollywood had teachers and students crashing through banners.

Hollywood has a new fifth grade teacher, Brian Trimmer, and a new third grade teacher, Alison LaFalce. First grade has a student teacher this year. There is also a new math specialist, Mrs. Kustok. Carrie Levin is the new social worker, who has already made a point of meeting with all new students. There is the possibility that Rainbows will return. MAPS testing has been post-poned a week due to NWEA requiring more time to enter student information.

Parent Night is Thursday, September 13th from 7pm-8:30pm.

Ms. DeVylder went over pick up and drop off procedures. She reminded parents that there is no parking south of the gym. She also asked that parents not pick up their children in the street.

Ms. DeVylder also asked that children and parents arrange play dates before school and for parents to let the school know that their child will be going home with someone else. She also asked that if a play date is made after school, that the child bring their cell phone to Ms. DeVylder to confirm the plans with parents.

There will no longer be a teacher liaison at PTA meetings. This is to cut down on the number of substitutes covering for teachers who were attending morning PTA meetings. The PTA will greatly miss the attendance of the fabulous Janice "never wrong" Johnson.

Ms. DeVylder brought a video about her "fish philosophy". The fish philosophy consists of four parts: play, make their day, be there, and choose your attitude. This philosophy is embraced by a fish market in Seattle.

### ***Committee Reports***

#### **Cultural Arts:**

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Martha Carlson and Kierith Kurth reported four artist in the classroom lessons are planned for each grade this year. Volunteers are needed.

In October, Chicspeare will bring Shakespeare to life in an assembly and conduct workshops with each class. This event was rescheduled from last year.

In the works is a field trip for kindergarten and first grade on November 30th to a play titled "In The Company Of Critters".

The 4th grade will see Cinderella, as performed as part of the Lyric Opera of Chicago in the Neighborhood program.

The 5th grade will potentially go to Chinatown as part of their study of World Geography.

2nd and 3rd grade trips are still in the planning stages.

### **New Parent Committee:**

Denise Notz reported 1st grade parents have been paired with new kindergarten parents. The first grade parents made welcoming calls and met new parents at the parent tea on the first day of school. First grade parents also made follow up calls during the second week of school. Denise Notz is hoping to keep this buddy system for the school year. She is also working on a New Parent Handbook.

### **Art to Remember:**

Denise Notz is chairing this replacement for Kids Notecards. This new vendor has a variety of different products. Packets will go home Friday, September 14th. Families will have two weeks to complete drawings. There will be a table set up at the Fall Festival for children to work on drawings. Products will be delivered in November, in time for the holidays.

### **Gift Wrap Sale:**

Sally Foster is the vendor for the second year. The sale will kick off on October 3rd with an assembly. Entertainment Books will also be available for families to purchase. This event is being chaired by the very busy Denise Notz.

### **Reflections:**

Theme this year is "I can make a difference by..." The PTA is looking for a volunteer to chair this event.

### **Fall Festival:**

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This event is being chaired by Fran Guerrieri. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 12-4. Volunteers are needed to run games, sell refreshments, man the prize table, and sell tickets.

### **Wee Deliver:**

First Wee Deliver will be on October 11th. Write your children now and drop your letter into any of the mailboxes around the school.

### **5th Grade Games Night:**

Rich and Mary Volpe are chairing this committee. This news came as a surprise to Mary Volpe, who was informed of this fact by her husband this very day. The event will be held on Friday, September 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm The Volpes are planing activities and light refreshments for the event.

### **Spanish:**

Jennifer Perry reported that Spanish classes will hopefully resume the week after Columbus Day. We have lost Shannon Swindle as a teacher. We won't know if we need a new one until we know how many students enroll.

### **SCRIP:**

SCRIP will begin within a week or two. Jennifer Perry will introduce a new computer based ordering system but parents will still need to get checks into the office.

### **Market Day:**

Jennifer Sinn reported that Hollywood School has the opportunity to earn \$400 in free Scholastic Books if we have a minimum of 49 orders for a total of \$3,000 in October.

### **PTA Membership:**

Kathy Barcal reported that 65 families have joined the PTA this year.

### **Newsletter:**

If anyone has any information for the monthly newsletter, please submit it to Kathy Barcal.

### **Library:**

Volunteers are needed to shelve books and read to the children.

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### **Girl Scouts:**

This is the last year for Kathy Barcal as school coordinator. A first grade brownie leader is needed.

### ***Announcements:***

Hot Lunch - September 10th & 24th

Fall Parent Night (parents only) - September 13th 7-8:30pm

Board of Education Meeting at Ames - September 18th at 7:30pm

Music Faculty Recital at Hauser - September 25th at 7pm

Market Day Orders Due September 28th

5th Grade Games Night Hollywood Edition September 28th 6:30-8:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jennifer Perry, Recording Secretary.