

## **Minutes from PTA General Meeting; October 2, 2007**

The meeting was brought to order and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting.

The Treasurers report was provided by Tasha Horton, and she noted that it was also printed on the back of the agenda.

Lynn Rea – PTA Membership Co-Chair - reported Ashley River only needs 190 more memberships to reach 200% for whole school, a record the school has held since its beginning. Three classes already have 200% and will receive an ice cream party – 5C, K1 and K2. Many other classes are very close.

Rollins Babb – Bingo Chairman - reported that Ashley River's Annual Bingo Night would be Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Food will be served at 6pm, Bingo begins at 7pm. Each class will be asked to donate the traditional 'basket' for first prizes. Bingo volunteers will be an email soon with more details.

Cynthia Mappus – Ways and Means – thanked everyone for participating in the Sally Foster fundraiser. Ashley River had 450 orders total, and profit for the school was just over \$15,000. School participation was over 50%. She introduced the top sellers. Jacob Fairchild from 4C was the top seller with almost \$800 in sales. The top sellers will get to ride in a limousine to lunch soon. She noted that purchases can still be made online at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) through the end of the school year and Ashley River will still get credit for those sales.

Katie Brown – Silent Auction co-chair- noted this year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Auction!" Parent volunteers are desperately needed, along with silent auction items donated. It will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-11pm at the Citadel Altman Center and entertainment will be provided by the East Coast Party Band. Food will be provided by Outback Steakhouse.

Tina Shaw – Book Fair – mentioned that all proceeds from the ongoing book fair will go to the Media Center. She thanked grandparents for pre-purchasing gift certificates. She noted it would still be open after the meeting tonight.

Lynn Rea – Reflections chairman – said the theme this year is "I can make a difference by..." and noted categories would be: dance choreography, photography, visual art, film/video production, literature and musical composition. In school deadline is Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, and information will be going home. The information is also available in the office and on the PTA website.

Tonia Smalls, from Office Depot, thanked all the customers present and reminded parents that they can still sign up to link their Office depot card to donate to Ashley River. She reminded teachers that they can sign up for a special program and receive a free gift. Judy Doshier encouraged any parents who might want to become business partners to sign up.

Ms. Cheek presented three upcoming fundraisers that would help pay for buses to the Disney Magic Music Days trip that the chorus, pied pipers and 5<sup>th</sup> grade would be taking. Fifth graders and all chorus members will be selling poinsettias, wreaths, Christmas trees. A separate fundraiser will be Indian River citrus fruit which will have an approximate Dec 10 delivery date. Friday Hat days will also help support

this trip. Every Friday students can bring a dollar to donate and wear a hat. She also reminded everyone about the continued Box Tops for Education program that has helped the music program purchase many instruments.

Ms. Ellicott thanked Jeff Nickles for adding decorations to the cafeteria, especially the ceiling area; Mr. Nichols owns an event company and donated the new decorations.

She reminded parents about the monthly parent coffees in the media center and welcomed parent comments about things that have been going well or not so well, any special concerns or suggestions. She discussed Run for Your Life and noted the date would be Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

She reminded parents not to park on any of the yellow lanes out in front of the building since those are for emergency vehicles only.

She announced the Teacher of the Month: Cara Dixon in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Teacher Assistant of the Month: Sharon Parker in Special Needs.

The First grade performed and raffle prizes were given out.

The meeting was adjourned.