

Mystic Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2006
7:00 PM – Library

Officers in Attendance: Michele Crowley (co-president), Fran Cabral (co-president), Colleen Bornstein (secretary)

Staff in Attendance: Sue Dumas

Other Attendees: Lori Calobrisi, Jessie Kam; Janina Goldberg; Ann Schremp, Ellie Coffey

1. **Call to Order/Secretary's report:** The minutes were approved from the 09Jan06 meeting.
2. **Treasurer's report/Basket Raffle:** Wendy Eck provided the following report via email (the balance sheet was also provided to Michele who brought copies to the meeting):
We are in great shape and on target for our budget. The only thing that concerns me is the basket raffle. I have seen no advertising nor promotion and my children have not brought any requests for donations home. We count on \$2,700 from this event---23% of our budgeted income!! Also, it seems that once again this year the cultural enrichment fund has not been used (not the teachers but assembly fund).
In response to Wendy's report, a discussion was had by all attendees stating that notices for the basket raffle had indeed gone home from some classes. At this time, Michele made a suggestion as to whether the PTO should have a basket at the basket raffle. After some discussion, a decision was made not to donate a basket as the PTO is the sponsor of the event. At this time it was also noted that the Basket Raffle announcement was not in the MMS newsletter.
3. **Fran Cabral/Skate Night:** 56 students attended the 7th/8th grade skate night. Sue Dumas said this was a great turnout – in the past skate nights had low attendance. Matthew (Last name?) is the new owner of The Galaxy Roller Rink. He told Fran that if 3 nights were booked we would receive \$150 discount. The 5th/6th skate night (with Family) will be held on March 24.
4. **Spring Bulbs Fundraiser:** All present agreed to have the bulb sale start on March 27 and would be due back to school on April 7. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the PTO.
5. **Cultural Enrichment Funds:** Michele suggested Kimmie Weeks as a possible guest speaker for cultural enrichment. Kimmie, a refugee from Liberia is a child rights activist who heads Youth Action International, a nonprofit organization. A motion was approved by those in attendance to hire Kimmie as a speaker on March 31 for a reduced fee of \$500 + travel expenses.

Old Business:

1. Sue Dumas thanked Lori Calobrisi for heading up the Ice Cream party – all went well. The kids had a blast dancing!
2. Michele reported that Allison Van Etten is working to secure a substance abuse speaker for the Wellness Day for 8th graders. A fee of \$400 is being negotiated.

New Business:

1. Sue Dumas reminded everyone of the "Summit Meeting" that Michael McKee would be holding later in the month (March 23) for all Stonington Schools. At this meeting, the budget will be presented. Sue Dumas remarked that the budget was "pretty tight" for MMS.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.