

**Wauwatosa PTA Council
General Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2007**

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Wauwatosa Parent Teacher Association Council was held on Monday, October 22, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Whitman Middle School Library, the Secretary being present. In the absence of the President, Lori Zahorodny presided and called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Zahorodny remained at the chair until Andrea Gaines arrived at 7:30 and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

In attendance were Cindy Anderson, Roosevelt Elementary; Andrea Gaines, West High School; Mary Johnson, McKinley Elementary; Kay Lorenzen, East High School; Jerry Merz; Kari Miller, Madison Elementary; Carolyn Poli, Council Secretary; Lisa Schrenms, Madison Elementary; Gail Sebastian, Underwood Elementary; and Lori Zahorodny, PTA Council Legislative Chair. President Laura Startz and Treasurer Penny Larson were excused.

Special Topics/Presentations

PTA Council Legislative Chair, Lori Zahorodny, presented an update regarding the state of Wisconsin budget as it relates to school funding. Zahorodny reported that the state budget is expected to be passed in the near future.

Kay Lorenzen, PTA President, East High School, reported on two secondary education presentations to be held in the near future. West H.S. will host a district Wellness Initiative presentation to be held November 13. East H.S. will host an alcohol and drug abuse presentation with a guest speaker from Aurora Psychiatric Hospital to be held November 27 from 7 - 8 p.m. Social, academic, and legal consequences of drug use, including misuse of common household products will be discussed.

Parent and computer consultant, Jerry Merz, presented information to help our local PTAs build their own websites, separate from the school district website. Examples of such sites already up and running are WauwatosaPTA.org, WhitmanPTA.org, and WauwatosaWestBaseballClub.info.

The Council has purchased web site hosting from Power Web for \$70 per year enabling you to link your site directly to the PTA Council site. Contact Jerry Merz at jmerz3@hotmail.com for a presentation handout or help getting started.

Treasurer's Report

In Penny Larson's absence, the treasurers report was presented by Andrea Gaines.
Expenditure for Gaines to attend PTA Minority Leadership Conference \$125.00.
Expenditure for WI State for Registration to Solicit: \$15.00
Interest in scholarship account: \$5.90

Local PTA unit audits must be postmarked by November 1, 2007.

Gaines reported that there were 500 - 700 attendees at Minority Leadership Conference. Also reported that Wauwatosa PTA Council is doing well with 3,319 members for the 2006 - 2007 year. In comparison the Milwaukee region B had only 864 members for the 2006 - 2007 year.

School Reports

Kari Miller reported on the Scholastic Book Fair and Family Dinner at Madison Elementary. The Madison PTA also purchased 3 Smart Boards for 4th grade classrooms to be installed next month. Cindy Anderson reported that Roosevelt Elementary PTA hosted a blood drive to benefit a student with cancer. The Roosevelt PTA also purchased a cash register with Madison Elementary for use at the Scholastic Book Fair. If you'd like to go in on this purchase, please contact Cindy Anderson.

Gail Sebastian reported that Underwood PTA held a Walk-a-Thon fundraiser. Underwood PTA will also be holding a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on November 15. Barnes & Noble will donate 15% of related sales to Underwood in the form of a Barnes & Noble gift card. Also reported that they held a Hoe Down Dance last week and the Tosa West Key Club scooped ice for open house.

Mary Johnson reported that McKinley Elementary is currently working on a year-long quilt project with a story teller and fiber artist. The fall fundraiser and book fair is coming up in the next couple of weeks. Kay Lorenzen reported that Winterfest at East H.S. has been moved to a Fall Fest to be held November 10. Fall Fest will benefit all participating high school clubs. Lorenzen also reported that East PTA is no longer sending paper mailings. The newsletter is now distributed online only. A Pointesetta sale and spring plant sale are planned to pay for plantings around the school.

Andrea Gaines reported that West PTA will host a Wellness Initiative Presentation at 7 p.m. on November 13 in the West H.S. library. The beverage policy, fundraisers, class recognitions/snacks, eating disorders, and the Pep grant will be discussed. This will be an opportunity to express your thoughts on these new policies. West will be performing the musical *Bye Bye Birdie* November 1 through November 4.

New Business

The Council Phone Directory will be delivered first week of November. The discussion on the Wisconsin Alliance of Excellent Schools (WAES) memberships was postponed until the November 12, 2007 meeting. The District Printing Request Form can now be found online at www.wauwatosapta.org.

Announcements/Calendar

Audit deadline: November 1, 2007

First installment of membership dues: November 1, 2007

Newsletter spotlight - forward to WI PTA office by November 10, 2007

Next Meeting - Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. at Whitman library

Wellness Presentation at West H.S. November 13, 2007

IRS deadline: November 15, 2007

PTA Council website www.wauwatosapta.org

Wisconsin PTA website www.wisconsinpta.org - lots of new stuff added

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Poli, Secretary, Wauwatosa PTA Council