

Call to order at 6:32 pm, by Laura Weaver, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Minutes – Tracy Lentz was not in attendance and Laura Weaver had not received a copy of the minutes from the March meeting, hopefully we will have by the May meeting. Gena Kraemer will take the minutes for tonight’s meeting.

Treasurer Report – Brenda Ward – see written report; report was filed with no changes.

New Business

Diane Eineicher – Downtown West Allis Promotion, see written proposal. Diane would like WAWM PTA Council to advertise a contest that they are running to promote downtown as a safe, fun, friendly place to work, live, and shop. High School students will create presentations and in September the Downtown WA Business Improvement District will choose the top three and the grand prize will run on TV. This contest will kick-off May 1 and run through Sept 12, 2011. Diane would like \$500 and help promoting the contest. They will need the money by the end of September.

After the presentation we had some discussion and Cyndi Barbian moved that Council’s Budget Committee set aside \$500.00 from the Program Budget in 2011-12 for the use of the Downtown WA Business Improvement District. Motion was seconded by Nicole Danek and **passed unanimously**.

Old Business

On the floor is a motion that was tabled from the March meeting. The Nominating Committee proposed a bylaw change that would eliminate the office of 2nd Vice President and put the responsibilities into the office of Secretary. There was some discussion that there was no need to permanently change the bylaws and just operate with the open position in hopes that someone will volunteer to fill the vacant office. Vote was called and the **motion failed**, bylaws will not be changed.

Elections

Laura read the nominations:

- President: Laura Weaver
- 1st Vice President: Amy Repati
- 2nd Vice President: Gena Kraemer
- Treasurer: Brenda Ward
- Secretary: Open

Laura asked three times for nominations off the floor for each position, with no other nominations, all positions were filled.

School Reports

- Lincoln** – Heather Justham – N/A, Heather came in later.
- Hoover** – N/A
- Hale** – N/A
- Jefferson** – Janice St. Louis – popcorn sale is coming up this month.

District Reports

Kurt Walholz, Superintendent – New school board members have been elected and will take office in June. Gail Radonski, Dan Bailey, and Kristi Bonaparte. Mrs. Garrison will be retiring after 20 years on the board. The district will be having a reception for her (more details to follow).

~The Governor signed the budget repair bill, however, now the courts system will need to decide if it's legal. Moved out to middle of May – leaves our school district as many others—up in the air.

~The Joint Finance Committee will be at State Fair Park on April 11th from 10am – 6pm to take public testimony. As a district, using the “tools” that Governor Walker has put into the budget, leaves us \$5 million short. Public can also send in written testimony to the JFC.

~(Kurt Walholz) met with Senator Vukmir, looked at ridiculous mandates, spoke about co-curricular activities to another fund and frees up money, greater flexibility in how library funds are used, flexibility in hours, days, and minutes. Extensive concerns regarding funding vouchers for choice schools, equalize playing field—mandates, testing should be the same. 3rd grade reading test—don't create another unfunded mandate.

~See copy of letter from Kurt.

~Open enrollment stays the same, it's just extended to April instead of February.

~District committed to whole child education.

~Can't compare because standards aren't the same.

Brian Vissers, District Communications Specialist – Legislative report submitted including legislator list.

Cyndi Barbian suggested that we have the Legislative Committee write a letter to speak to funding. It was suggested that we send a letter. We do not have a Legislative Committee, so the answer was no. Cyndi then moved to create an ad hoc committee to write a letter, Amy Repati seconded. There was some discussion regarding the motion, however, motion carried with a vote of 6 yes; 2 no; and 6 abstained (since abstained votes go the the majority, motion passed). Cyndi Barbian will chair the committee and other members will include Gena Kraemer, Janice St. Louis, Heather Justham, Nicole Danek. Final letter will need to be approved by Laura Weaver.

School Reports

Pershing – Amy Repati – Grandparents Day is this month.

Mitchell – Cyndi Barbian – High Interest Day is coming up.

Central – Kristi Bonaparte – Rummage Sale was the last weekend, great success.

Walker – Gina Kirkpatrick – Rummage will be May 7th; Jump-A-Thon raised \$5,000 for their Rock Wall. School has started enrichment activities – hula dancing, etc.

West Milwaukee – N/A

Wilson – Lisa Dreske – High Interest is on April 15.

Dan Bearss, Teacher's Rep – District had sent a mass email to all teachers thanking them for their professionalism through the chaos that has been created by the uncertainty of the budget repair bill and then budget proposed by Gov. Walker. Teacher interactions with students have mostly been professional however, all teachers are individuals and some don't know how and when to behave appropriately. Via staff perspective, so much uncertainty and unfortunately fear – rumors due to not having the answers that they need. Some distracts have teacher contracts settled, so they know what's going on. Our district does not have contracts so it is possible that we may lose staff to other districts.

President's Report – Laura Weaver – Passed around sign up sheet for open committees for 2011-12.

- ◆ CiCi's Fundraiser is April 11-13 & 18-20, please bring flyer and 15% of all dine in and carryout goes to Council. Flyer will be available on the website.
- ◆ Thank you to those who brought back signs from Carnival, if anyone else has one please return—we can reuse them.
- ◆ Convention is coming quickly, if you need money to be able to send representatives, please contact Laura—Council may be able to help with some of the costs.

1st Vice President's Report – Tona Goddard – N/A

2nd Vice President's Report – Janice St. Louis – Please send minutes and any information for the newsletter due April 25th. Send articles/flyers to janicestlouis@yahoo.com

Awards – Amy Repati – Amy collected. Banquet is May 20th at Knights of Columbus, \$15 per person, please RSVP by next council meeting, May 4.

Scholarship – Amy Repati – All applications have been collected and winners will be notified within the next few weeks.

School Reports

FLW – Gena Kraemer – had March Madness last month with over 600 students participating; currently the nominating committee is working hard on finding officers for 2011-12.

Irving – Dan Simons – April 20 is Chuck E Cheese fundraiser in Brookfield.

Franklin – Nicole Danek – Finished Dinner & Bedtime Story, event sponsored by PTA but run by teachers and staff, next is Franklin Family Fun Fest and Bone Marrow Drive in June.

Final Announcements

- ◆ WA-WM teachers have (in the past) been honored most often with Stars and Constellations that benefit the Brookmire-Hastings Scholarship Fund. Stars are \$5 each or 4/\$10. See the WI PTA website for more information and how to purchase Constellations for school staffs.
- ◆ Big Hat Brunch sponsored by the Sisterhood to be held April 16 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.
- ◆ Auction items are still needed for State PTA Convention, contact Laura if you have something.
- ◆ Next meeting will be at Lincoln Intermediate (May 4), enter through front doors; we will meet in Science room.
- ◆ June's meeting will be at Walker in the library.

Laura Weaver moved to donate \$100 to send baskets to State PTA, Nicole Danek seconded, **motion passed unanimously**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gena Kraemer (subbing for Tracy Lentz)