

**Bond Mill PTA  
Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
4/17/08**

**Present:** Kristen Ruiz, President; Howard Rosenberg, VP; Liz Dwyer, Treasurer; Mark Brackett, Recording Secretary; Anne Karpman, Corresponding Secretary; Justin FitzGerald; Elaine Oakes; Umbrenda Fisher; Kathy Jacobs; Freda Ingram.

**Guests:** Amy Brennan; Linda Landau

Meeting called to order 5:02 pm

**Guest Reports:**

Amy Brennan, Write-A-Book Chair, reviewed the successes of the past WAB season. There was considerable discussion of whether WAB should be mandatory for 6<sup>th</sup> graders since it is not part of the curriculum and there is no time in the schedule. Possibly all WAB could be voluntary or run like a club. The teachers will take it back to their co-workers for discussion and a recommendation. The Board approved ~\$300 for \$5 gift cards for the ~60 winners in the various grades and categories.

Linda Landau, Carnival Chair, presented information on the Modell's Sporting Goods Store coupon card program. Modell's provides coupons for Bond Mill for 10% off purchases, the school gets 5% from the coupons used. Modell's store manager may come to speak on Career Day. All Carnival activities are presently on schedule. Donations are coming in. We still need more volunteers to help with set up and logistics.

Linda Landau, Book Fair Chair, reported that Scholastic approached us to run a spring book fair which we declined. We are set for the September 2008 Book Fair.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Liz reported the following:

All funds received through 4/11/08 have been deposited. Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 3/28/08 reconciled. (Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.)

Updated copies of the budget report were distributed.

Approximately 29 of 44 teachers have turned in their reimbursement certificates.

Quarterly Sales & Use Tax report for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (\$0) was filed.

Bank account balance at 3/28/08 statement was \$22,558.73.

The Board discussed the need to present a more modest budget for the coming school year in light of the reduced enrollment due to the redistricting.

### **President's Report:**

The Talent Show and Pasta Dinner fundraiser, catered by Olive Garden, will be May 28<sup>th</sup>. Anne Karpman will take the lead.

PTA Appreciation Dinner will be May 30<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.

Beautification Day is on schedule for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kelly Krause has repainted all the signs. Of special note is Annette Gray's repainting and refinishing of Lori Wood's bench in the teacher's garden.

The Children's Activity Committee would like to do one more event before the end of the school year. Suggestions include: a Baysox or Pro baseball game; Chucky Cheese night for grades PK-4 with a Dance for grades 5-6; roller skating; and Chik-fil-A night.

A 6<sup>th</sup> Grade parents' information night for students going to MLK is coming up and will be noted in an upcoming Bulldog and/or PTA Newsletter.

A special PTA meeting with (leaving) Wellington parents was discussed. The intent is to find interested parents to meet with and help jump start the new Vansville PTA.

A "Race-to-Education" fundraiser was discussed. The student would write letters to get pledges and then walk and earn per mile.

The Bulbs and Cookbooks fundraiser concluded with a gross income of ~\$5,000. Special thanks go out to Liz Steenrod and Kim House for all their hard work.

The school board voted to implement "Plan Z – delayed". This means that Beltsville will become a PK-8 and that Bond Mill and other school's 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be shifted to middle school. However, this will not be implemented until the school year beginning August 2009. The school board recognized that four months would not be enough time to make the transition and that the pod classrooms in MLK will need to be closed off into individual classrooms before the extra students come. Keeping 6<sup>th</sup> graders will mean that we will be (slightly) overcrowded next year. Once the enrollment count for next year is released it will be published in an upcoming Bulldog and/or PTA Newsletter.

### **Principal's Report:**

On May 6<sup>th</sup> Bond Mill will host a "Learning Walk" for ~60 of our Region 5 elementary and middle school principals. They will be observing classroom teachers and student behaviors. Dress like a preppie day will be rescheduled. Teachers, Staff and Volunteers are asked to park up the street that day.

The "Art Education in Maryland Schools Alliance" was discussed. If we make a \$500 deposit, it will be returned along with an additional \$1,000 to sponsor art education.

April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm will be Chee'burger Chee'burger night for Lori Wood. If you bring the flyer, they will donate 15% of your receipt to the American Cancer Society.

University of Maryland is offering a free golf clinic for 15 students after school on April 28<sup>th</sup> for 2 hours for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> only. Flyers will be sent home with a permission slip. Names will be selected by lottery, if need be.

A Dominoes Pizza fundraising flyer was handed out and discussed.

Teacher participation in a reading clinic in Wisconsin this summer was discussed. The cost of the clinic is \$795 per teacher, plus travel.

### **New Business:**

Nominations Committee will need to collect names for the upcoming PTA elections.

The G.O.L.D committee will take the lead in collecting school supplies for Nicaraguan school children.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 pm.