



## **August Mary Lin PTA General Meeting Minutes**

A general meeting of the Mary Lin PTA was held on August 11, 2009, in the auditorium of Mary Lin Elementary School. The secretary established a quorum as present. The meeting was called to order by President Boyd Baker at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was established by the president. The secretary, Jennifer Gerz-Escandon was present in addition to more than 20 members.

Boyd Baker thanked last year's PTA Board for their service and outlined three PTA Goals for 2009-2010: simplifying and clarifying activities, involving more parents and building a stronger school with the Mary Lin Foundation. He encouraged parents to stay informed using *The Rocket*, the PTA website and the bulletin board in front of the school. He then introduced the current Mary Lin PTA Board.

On behalf of Marti Wolf, chair of membership, Boyd Baker, reported the PTA's goal is 440 members with a focus on getting members to join in the fall. Current membership is approximately 280 to 300 members. PTA membership applications can be completed online.

Mary Lin Foundation president Cherie King introduced the Foundation members. She explained the difference between the PTA and the Foundation. Foundation money will be raised through the following means: a Capital Campaign targeting community sources with a goal of \$20,000, a Fun Run that earned \$5,000 this summer, a Parent Mixer planned this fall, grants, and donations. Contributions from 46 parents raised \$2,000 for the purchase of a mobile Promethean Board. Upcoming events include Screen on the Green at Candler Park. Information about the Foundation is available on the Mary Lin website and the bulletin board.

Kelly Crutcher, PTA vice president and chair of fundraising, reported on current projects which include: a Mary Lin Calendar, a School Directory that usually raises \$8,000-\$10,000 for teacher allotments and a Halloween Carnival.

On behalf of Ashley Rouse, parent involvement chair, Kelly Crutcher announced that volunteers are needed to assist with the following activities: Festival Jumpies and Booths, the Halloween Carnival, the Retail Family Events and the Story Share Book Swap.

The treasurer, Eric Campbell, reported a checking account balance of \$26,495, checks written in the amount of \$8,013, checks to write in the amount of \$10,300 and money available August 11, 2009 of \$10,892.

Boyd Baker presented the proposed PTA budget for 2009-2010. James Johnson moved the budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. Brian Mitchell, principal, thanked parents for their support and informed everyone that Back to School/Curriculum Night will take place at 5:30 p.m. on August 25, 2009. It is an opportunity to meet teachers, hear their plans and learn about curriculum. Specials Night will be incorporated into this event. The format will be determined and announced soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Jennifer Gerz-Escandon, Secretary