



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

A general meeting of the Mary Lin PTA was held on January 19, 2010, in the auditorium of Mary Lin Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President Boyd Baker at 6:42 p.m. A quorum was established by the president. The secretary, Jennifer Gerz-Escandón was present in addition to 16 members. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

The president welcomed everyone and announced the posting of a PTA Survey on the green Mary Lin website. He encouraged everyone to provide feedback for the benefit of future PTA's. Members were also reminded of upcoming elections for 2010-2011 PTA officers in April and Dine Out at Wahoo Night on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

A signed copy of the Treasurer's report was submitted.

Dr. Brian Mitchell, principal, announced that a diaper and wipes collection will begin next week at Mary Lin in order to assist with the Haitian earthquake relief effort. He also reported that Atlanta Public Schools (APS) will pay \$5,000, pending approval, to repair the damaged Mary Lin marquee and thanked parents for their support.

Boyd Baker proposed the election of a PTA nominating committee consisting of five members (Alex Coffman, Kelly Crutcher, Jennifer Gerz-Escandón, Cherie King, and Lisa Lester) and two alternates (Kelly Karim and Sharron Sims). James Johnson moved to approve the slate of candidates for the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mary Lin Foundation president Cherie King reported that \$31,000 was raised through grants as well as donations from individuals, businesses and the local communities of Candler Park, Inman Park and Lake Claire. As a result, the Foundation will provide one mobile Promethean Board and several fixed Promethean Boards for the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Additionally, the Foundation will fund professional development for the teachers. Cherie concluded by reminding members that positions are open on the Foundation's board next year.

Boyd Baker reviewed the current PTA budget noting that approximately \$10,000 remains unused. He outlined the PTA board's recommendations for reallocating the remaining funds and invited discussion.

An announcement was made that the Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010. Stosh Bennett moved that the name of the Daddy-Daughter Dance be changed to the Daughters Dance. The motion was seconded and approved.

After a discussion and revision of the board's budget recommendations, the following reallocation was proposed:

Art Supplies	\$426.00
Memorial Funds for Ms. Scrivener & Ms. Jordan	\$300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade P-Board funds (donated to Foundation)	\$5,324.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade reading resources	\$1,200.00
Teacher allotments (39 teachers @) \$50 each)	\$1,950.00
Building & Grounds (Habitat, mulch, tables)	\$500.00
Linapalooza (these fees should be repaid)	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$10,000.00

Cherie King moved to approve the revised PTA budget reallocation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Boyd Baker read a note from Ms. Jordan thanking Mary Lin families for their sympathy cards and scholarship donations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Jennifer Gerz-Escandón, Secretary