

**Beverly Farms PTA Meeting
October 4, 2011**

Officers Present:

Mindy Kim, PTA President
Michelle Bernstein, Treasurer
Patty Wang, VP Programming
Nicole Kustner, VP Fundraising
Stephen Reckford, Secretary
Judi Lapidus, MCCPTA Rep
Joni Williams, MCCPTA Rep

Mindy Kim called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Mindy welcomed the attendees and introduced the guest speakers from the Transportation Board of Montgomery County. They spoke for about 15 minutes and answered questions. Some of the main points follow:

- Most of the Buses servicing Beverly Farms are from the Silver Spring Depot and now leave around 6am to miss traffic
- Our normal Depot is Bethesda and they are dealing with 4 holding schools this year
- Buses can only hold from 57 to 62 children depending on the bus
- Buses can arrive up to 20 minutes after the end of school bell
- In response to a question, it was learned that a bus schedule change was sent home with the afternoon students. It was requested that a new bus schedule be distributed by the school to all parents
- If there are problems with the bus, parents are encouraged to call Paula Long or Margie Cassidy at 301-879-1062 for Depot 6; for the Bethesda Depot call Candy or Junior at 301-469-1140 – provide the bus number if possible rather than the color

After the presentation, the business part of the meeting began.

The previous minutes were reviewed and approved (Alisa Weinstein moved and Miriam Mishkin 2nd).

President's Report:

- A Fund Raiser selling certified bricks from the old Beverly Farms Building will be held on October 27th by email. Bids start at \$10 for 25 bricks and proceeds go to a dedication garden at the new building
- Box tops will be mailed in around 10/31 so send them in with your children
- Ms Diaz will be running the original art works fund raiser again in time for the December Holidays
- The Halloween parade will take place on October 28th at 2PM. Set up and best parking will be at 1:40PM
- Mindy has formed a committee to look for a replacement for the Books to Life program in the 2nd or 3rd quarter

Treasurer's Report:

- Michelle noted that we have already received \$10,000 in membership dues and are now able to reimburse teachers (please provide receipts).

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- Direct appeal is over \$2,000 with Nicole reporting additional donations bringing it up to over \$3,000.
- Michelle also asked parents to send in separate checks to the program chairs so they record who has paid. She also asked checks not be sent to her directly (also please don't staple checks).
- The Audit report was approved (Alicia Weinstein moved and it was 2nd)
- Funding of an additional \$1,000 for Tech Capital, \$500 for Brain POP, and \$1000 for staff appreciation (for this year only) was approved (Amy Pelletier moved and it was 2nd)

VP Fundraising: Nicole reviewed some of the fundraising efforts including:

- Several spirit nights are planned including Elevation Burger – check the schedule on the PTA Site
- We will do Treats for Troops again after Halloween

VP Programming Report: Patty Wang and the Program Chairs reported:

- Club Beverly Farms and the Science Fair will be at Wayside this year
- The following programs will go on: Chess Club, Creative Arts, and Mad Science
- The Book Fair will be at the Holding School
- Help the Homeless Mini-walk will be October 27th and registration information will be available soon.

MCCPTA Rep: Judi and Joni reported on the most recent MCCPTA meeting:

- Judi reviewed the mission
- Flu Clinics will be at several Montgomery County Schools this year
- The new Curriculum will be discussed in presentations at several schools including Bells Mills
- The new Superintendent will take questions and feedback at Wooten High School on October 19th
- Dr. Brown suggested parents look at the Transition Report commissioned by the Superintendent on the Montgomery County Schools web site

Innisbrook Fundraiser: Heather Strauch and Carmen Collazo let everyone know there is just a little more time to get your order in.

There was an additional Presentation by Peer to Peer Tutors: \$40-45/hr, high school students, very flexible schedules from a single 1 hour session to weekly sessions

8:15pm meeting adjourned.