

**NORMAN ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**April 22, 2010**

**Call to Order:** President Celia Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. A quorum was present.

**Meeting Minutes:** Nicole Hulett moved that the January 21, 2010, General Meeting Minutes be approved as written. Angela Birney seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Victoria Bigelis reported a beginning balance of \$58,116.08 and a month end balance of \$61,419.49. She explained that during the month of March, the PTA brought in \$7,399.36 and spent \$4,095.95; she attached an Income and Expense Report to March's Financial Statement to report this movement of funds.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Tina Livingston reported: 1) Starbucks volunteers spent one hour cleaning up the school's garden boxes. 2) The overgrown shrubs beside the portables need to be trimmed because they are blocking the portables' air-intake; District Maintenance doesn't handle this kind of clean-up. 3) 600 students are projected for next school year. Space will be an issue; at this point, Rockwell is one classroom short for the number of projected students. The space issue will be addressed at the district level during a May 3<sup>rd</sup> district committee meeting. 4) May 7<sup>th</sup> is a full LEAP Day for teachers. The plans for the day include staff discussion of next year's new goal setting component of parent-teacher conferences and the Skyward on-line grading system. Teachers will also begin drafting class lists for next year. A discussion regarding staffing and class size ensued.

**Teacher Representative:** Kindergarten teacher Kris Beaver presented a Thank You card from the Rockwell staff. On behalf of the staff, she expressed appreciation for the PTA's funding of the Toymaker, for the diverse Art Exhibit that all students were able to attend, for the luncheons, and for the upcoming Art Showcase and the art docents who will help set it up. Lastly, she expressed thanks for the generous grants the PTA is providing.

**Vice President's Committee Reports:**

Stephanie Sullivan - VP of School Services: Mrs. Sullivan reported that this year's **Field Day** chair is Aparna Vaideswar. The **Ice Cream Social and Art Showcase** and Used Book Sale will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Dreyers Ice Cream and sundae toppings will be served for \$1.

Tracey Gilman - VP of Community Services: Mrs. Gilman reported that a group of 20 people from the Rockwell community joined the "Can Do Race", a race that benefitted Northshore Family Services. Mrs. Gilman acknowledged Pilar Gomez for leading the group. **Staff Appreciation Week** is the first week in May. The PTA will provide lunch on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students are encouraged to give a card to their teachers, and card-making tables will be set up during

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recess that week. Mrs. Gilman reported that she is looking for people to chair next year's **Picture Day** and **Health Room** committees and to be the **Room Parent** Coordinator.

Jessica Hargin - VP of Academic Enrichment: Mrs. Hargin reported that most of her committee chairs will return next year. She still needs chairs for **Lego League**, **Art for Kids** (pending continuation), **Musical Minds** (pending continuation), and **Reading Recognition**. **Salmon in the Classroom** chair Tim Nightengale is looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent to mentor into the program. Rockwell's **Visiting Artist** is pending.

**Director of Fundraising Report:** Minerva Butler reported that **Pass the Hat** matching funds continue to trickle in; a total of over \$36,000 has been collected so far from the Pass the Hat fundraiser. **Rockwell Dines Out** has earned \$1,800 to date. McTeacher Night earned \$700. Due to communication issues, Rockwell will no longer partner with Papa John's for Pizza Night. The PACE program has earned \$1,400 to date; effective August 31, 2010, the PACE program will be discontinued. The **Yearbook** is completed and was submitted one day early. 327 yearbooks were pre-sold. In total, 425 yearbooks were ordered. Rockwell's Studio East musical was very successful: 3 ads for the program were sold at \$45 each, 900 tickets were sold at \$5 each, and Star Grams made over \$500, making the overall profit approximately \$1,000. The cast party will be on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The membership was pleased with the quality of the musical and praised the student actors' efforts.

**Director of Communications Report:** Tracy Brooks was absent. No report was made.

**Funds Allocation Director:** Nicole Hulett reported that because of the generous donations made by the Rockwell community this year, \$14,000 is available for academic grants. She reported the teachers' and staff's grant requests (see attached). Angela Birney moved to pass the Academic Grant Requests as presented. Jessica Hargin seconded the motion; the membership approved.

**Membership Chair:** Nicole Hulett reported that Rockwell's PTA has 350 members and has earned a Washington State PTA "Gold Membership Award" for increased membership.

**President's Report:** President Celia Kennedy reported 1) an update on the LWSU budget cuts: Rockwell will be relatively unaffected by budget cuts next year; 2) a Council update: There will be new report cards next year; report cards will be issued in January and June, and parent-child-teacher conferences will be held in October and June for the purpose of goal setting; 3) the LWSU luncheon will be on April 28<sup>th</sup>; 4) a committee of five PTA Board members have worked next year's budget, which will be brought to May's General Membership Meeting for approval; 5) Mrs. Kennedy expressed her thanks to: Tim Nightengale – Salmon in the Classroom; Rathan Mahendran – Knights Tour; Diane Davenport – Visiting Author; Tracy Brooks – All School

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Dance Party; Minerva Butler – Yearbook and on-going fundraising; Siri Bliesner – Studio East/School Play; Karen Hernan, Stephanie Sullivan, and Chandria Danelle Silverman – Nominating Committee.

**New Business:** President Celia Kennedy presented the slate of Rockwell PTA officers for 2010-2011, as submitted by the nominating committee, for the general membership vote:

President:	Tracy Brooks
Vice President of Communications:	Emily Papel
Vice President of Social Activities:	(open)
Vice President of Academics:	Jessica Hargin
Vice President of School Support Services:	Tracey Gilman
Treasurer:	Victoria Bigelis
Secretary:	Chandria Danelle Silverman
Funds Allocation Coordinator:	Nicole Hulett
Director of Fundraising:	Minerva Butler
Legislative Representative:	Angela Birney
Membership Chair:	Jill Krzekiski

No nominations were made from the floor. Gayle Elam moved to accept the nominating committee's slate of candidates for the PTA Board of Directors for 2010-2011. Kris Beaver seconded the motion, and the membership approved.

Adjournment: President Celia Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristen Muscott  
PTA Co-Secretary 2009-2010