

Roanoke County Council of PTAs

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes – May 12, 2008

Call to Order/ Welcome: President Downing called the meeting to order approximately 6:00 PM welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Minutes and Roll Call – Secretary, Susan Mele called the roll and all schools were present except for W. E. Cundiff, A. R. Burton and Green Valley Elementary. The minutes from the April meeting were presented and a motion made to accept them as written. A motion was seconded. Members in attendance voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Whitney Justice presented the General Account and the Book Grant Report. There being no questions about either, a motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and Book Grant as presented. The motion was seconded and passed by the membership present. Whitney also asked that each school check their membership accounts as they are listed for accuracy.

Administration – Dr. Lange introduced those members of the School Board who were present (Jerry Canada, Fuzzy Minnix and David Wymer) and thanked them for all the action of the Board during the school year. Dr. Lange spoke of the Board's decision to equip each elementary school classroom with an Active Board and for their work with regard to the budget for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Lange also thanked all of the parents for the support they give to the Roanoke County schools each day. She noted that without their support and their willingness to volunteer, the schools would not be able to do as much to support the needs of our students as they do now.

Legislative Update – Carlton Mabe – All schools and PTAs were provided with a handout called the PTA VOTER GUIDE 2008. Mr. Mabe stressed that all schools who host a Legislation Day need to abide by the rules as outlined by the National PTA. All candidates representing all parties should be invited and failure to do so could result in the rescinding of a PTA's non-profit status. If anyone has questions, please contact Carlton.

District Director – Nicole Sheppard spoke about hierarchy of the PTA noting that there are 5 councils with 92 schools in our area. She noted that nationally, the PTA has over 350,000 members.

Leadership Training Conference – July 11 – 12 @ Deep Run High School, Glen Allen, Virginia.

Leadership Training Workshop and Vendor Fair – NSMS – May 22, 2008.

Ms. Sheppard also encouraged all PTAs to go to the Virginia PTA Website and sign up.

Final membership dues are due June 30, 2008.

County Council presented Ms. Sheppard with flowers for her willingness to attend our meeting.

Officer Installation - Our School Board members David Wymer, Jerry Canada and Fuzzy Minnix provided the installation ceremony for the new Board Members. Each member made a few comments about the PTA volunteers and the support they give to our schools. Mr. Wymer noted that the most important function of the PTA is to support students and that during his short time on the Board; he is amazed at the efforts put forth by all of our PTAs.

During the installation, Jerry Canada read the role and responsibility of the members of the County Council Board. He then asked those gathered to pledge their loyalty and willingness to help to those who have taken on these positions.

President – Lenora Downing
Past President/Legislation – Carlton Mabe
Vice President Programs – Chuck Lionberger
Book Grant – Donna Robinson
Membership – Kristi Moncrieff

District Membership Awards

Kristi Moncrieff presented the 2008 Membership Awards –please note specific information on the handout presented.

Lenora Downing presented District Membership Awards –please note specific information on the handout presented.

Book Grant Recipients: presented by Donna Robinson. Each student was presented with a \$500.00 check.

Hunter Manspile - NHS
Nicholas Stone – NHS
Melissa McDonald – GHS
Erin Brookshire – GHS
Sarah Kerr – CSHS
Lauren Goetsch – CSHS
Whitney Eakin – WBHS
Hatcher Cox- WBHS

Lifetime Membership Awards:

1. Tommie Ann Perdue
2. Susan Reynolds
3. Nancy Walton
4. Whitney Justice

County Council presented Dr. Lange with flowers for all of her efforts and hard work during the school year.

Meeting dates for the 2008-2009 County Council were noted as part of the packet given to each attendee.

There being no further business, President Downing closed the meeting with a special poem.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Mele
Assistant Principal, Bonsack Elementary