

Minutes
Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores PTSA
General Meeting
May 21, 2008

Call to Order by Kathryn Blakeman at: 7:03 p.m.

Meditation presented by Jonathan Eastman

Minutes from April 16th meeting were presented by Kathryn Blakeman and approved without correction.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Angela Collins. According to the bylaws, The PTSA books must be audited once annually; this task was accomplished by PTSA members Alan Rubin, Loretta Kleinman and Lorraine Godinez. Lorraine Godinez reported that all was in order and that appropriate checks and balances were noted. The PTSA donated monies for both the Senior Prom and the 8th grade dance supporting the disc jockeys for both end-of-the-year functions. \$795 went to the Senior Prom and \$450 to the 8th grade dance. The report was approved.

Kathryn Blakeman thanked the Administration for their support and direction throughout the year. She then outlined the PTSA's activities for the year and thanked the various PTSA Board members for their contributions to events and programs.

- Teacher Welcome Luncheon – Bonnie Green
- Helped the Fundraising Committee with the *Evening in the Courtyard* event.
- First Family Yard Sale
- Holiday Toy Drive – Ellen Bonet
- Winterfest – *Havana Nights* – This year's event was a huge success with special thanks to Marianne Schmidhofer as chair and Ellen Bonet for basket making
- Honor roll Dessert Parties always a treat
- The picnic was a huge success again. We did run out of sodas despite an increased number this year. A turnover book was created for the picnic in order to streamline event planning for next year.
- The Senior Prom was a huge success
- Teacher Appreciation Week a big success
- The 8th Grade Dance is coming and it is expected to be a success as well
- Thank you Bonnie Green for being an Ace Lieutenant and to both Bonnie and Ellen Bonet for being completely on top of hospitality.
- Thank you Loretta Kleinman for the web site, creative printing and design, and the Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Thanks to Angela for efficiency and always coming through
- Thank you Jonathan Eastman for the thoughtful meditations and for being such a great Gamesman at the Picnic
- Thank you Ginny Craven for PR
- Thank you Alina Gonzalez and Alison Harke for being such great assets to the Board and thank you Alison for creating and interpreting the Parent Survey

Ms. Charles thanked the PTSA for their support and asked that she be given a "Go To List" of volunteers to help with various events and to chaperone on field trips. Kathryn Blakeman suggested that she use the Volunteer Book in the main office. Ms. Charles also asked that we consider moving the day of the PTSA meetings from Wednesdays to another day because many people attend church-related activities on Wednesdays. Kathryn Blakeman suggested that would be an appropriate issue for next year's board to review.

Wendy Salzburg made a plea for parents to continue collecting boxtops for the Boxtops for Education program. She reported that we should receive more than \$500 this year.

Kathryn Blakeman asked that parents continue to collect ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling. She also reported that we can now accept toner cartridges as well.

The PTSA gave as a gift to the school a DCS flag for the front office. This ornamental flag can be used at various events as well.

Loretta Kleinman – Chair of the Nominating Committee introduced the slate of new board nominees:

President: Lorraine Jennings
Vice President: Ellen Bonet
Vice President of High School Affairs: Michael Stock
Vice President of Middle School Affairs: Daphne C. Stewart
Treasurer: Angela Collins
Recording Secretary: Liz Kern
Correspondence Secretary: Maria Belton*

* Please note that, since the confirmation of the slate, Ms. Belton stepped down and was replaced by Lianne Yao.

The slate was approved.

Kathryn encouraged all PTSA members to sign up for committees, particularly for the Orientation/Teacher Welcome Lunch via Hospitality and she also indicated that she would be involved with an Advocacy/Legislative Affairs Committee.

Kathryn also detailed the importance of the EESAC Committee and encouraged involvement there.

Kathryn reminded all parents to fill in their hours in the Volunteer Book in the main office.

Kathryn then reviewed the events upcoming on the calendar

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.