

**Minutes**  
**Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores PTSA**  
**General Meeting**  
**January 23, 2008**

Call to Order at 7:10 PM

Meditation presented by Jonathan Eastman.

Minutes – Ellen Bonet presented the minutes from the December 12, 2007 meeting and the minutes were approved as presented with no corrections made.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report and budget was presented by Angela Collins. Report and budget were approved by the membership with the Halloween Howl moved to the teacher gifts fund and the Pot Luck moved to Winterfest fund.

PTSA is still collecting ink cartridges and cellular phones. Wendy has a check for \$385.00 for the boxtops turned in.

Winterfest Auction – Kathryn reminded everyone of the date for our Winterfest Auction event and advised that all the volunteer sheets are full at this time. Marianne announced that we are asking for desserts from parents for the event.

Florida Presidential Primary and Property Tax Reform proposal – Senate Financial Committee actions will mean lost revenue to school districts. Information on this item is available on Miami-Dade government website.

Nominating Committee – Nominations for next years PTSA board will be accepted during general meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

FCAT Saturday School Parent Volunteers – We are in need of volunteers to help monitor the halls during the FCAT Saturday School. The sign up sheet is at the front entrance.

Parent Survey/Administration Response – Mr. Meredith addressed the group on the parent survey. DCS is talking with Miami-Dade College concerning teaming up with them for dual enrollment courses. Admission requirements for enrollment to High School have been reviewed and minimum GPA requirements have been increased. Lockers have been purchased and will be installed during the spring break holiday. Miami Shores police will begin random drug checks with canines after the spring break. Detentions are down from last year and overall discipline has improved. Mr. Meredith said he is committed to working on expanding the athletic programs and holding major fundraising events in order to do so.

Nancy Sullivan would like to poll parents to see whether or not they would be interested in a workshop geared to teaching parents how to help their children study more effectively.

The biology department needs 150 carnations for an experiment that they will be conducting during classes. Any parent who is interested in donating or has a connection with a local florist is being asked to contact Kathryn Blakeman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.