

Minutes
Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores PTSA
General Meeting
September 26, 2007

Call to Order at 7:08 PM

Jonathan Eastman read the meditation to open meeting.

Minutes – Ellen Bonet presented the minutes from the August 29, 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 no changes.

Membership – Kathryn Blakeman advised that the membership drive was doing quite well and that we have already exceeded last year's membership. Anyone still interested was advised to pick up form after the meeting.

PE Uniforms – Kathryn advised that anyone who has not yet requested their PE uniforms can do so by picking up a form in the front office and completing it. All orders will be filled within a week or so.

Reflections – Kathryn advised that the language arts teachers will be giving essay as an assignment to their classes and selecting the best to represent the school. The music and art teachers have been informed of the competition as well so that they may incorporate it into their classroom plans.

Toy Drive – Ellen Bonet will be handling the toy drive this year. She explained that the collection of gifts will start some time in November and the box for gifts will be placed in the front office.

Box Tops Program – Wendy Saltzburg gave a presentation outlining all products that have the box tops for education seal on them. Checks by the company are issued twice a year on December 15th and on April 15th. We have a check coming to our PTSA on the December 15th date.

Eco Phones – Kathryn reminded everyone that the PTSA is still accepting all used cell phones and small empty ink cartridges. They must be small hand sized ink cartridges to be accepted. The collection box for these items is located in the front office.

Winterfest Auction – Kathryn advised that the auction committee will be chaired by Marianne Schmidhofer. The event will be held on February 8th, 2008. We will be serving drinks and desserts.

International Pot Luck Dinner – Date has been set for March 14, 2008 and a committee will be formed soon. Anyone interested can sign up on the volunteer sheets at the door.

Target/Office Depot Cards – Ginny Craven explained to the membership the process of obtaining Target credit cards that in turn give back 1% of all purchases to the school the card is registered to. She also advised that Office Depot and Footlocker give back 5% to the schools. You can go online to complete this process or do it in the store.

Board Report – Alison Harke advised that she received great positive feedback on the surveys along with a list of concerns from the parents. The representatives will use the results to address the school board at future meetings.

Teacher Mini-Grants – Kathryn explained the process of offering mini grants to teachers up to a maximum of \$500.00. Any teacher interested will have to complete the grant application which will go out to them on September 27th. The deadline for all applications will be October 12th.

Volunteers – Volunteer opportunities are available for parents wishing to chaperone the schools upcoming dances. Also the evening in the courtyard will need parents for set up and clean up at this event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM