

## April 9, 2007 Harrison PTA Meeting Minutes

### **In attendance were:**

Lisa Giambattista  
Lisa Burkhardt  
Shelley Brown  
Karen Burkley  
Jill Goodrich  
Heather Suey  
Raylyn Ramsgard  
Debbie Simpson  
Mrs. Garland  
Carie O'Banion  
Karen Heimuli  
Allison Wiese

### **Mrs. Garland's report:**

1- Thank yous to all parents and students involved in student-led conferences March 27 and 29, Lisa Burkhardt and all others involved in organizing the Scholastic Book Fair, Girl Scout Troop 2324 who provided the reading corner, Heather Suey and all the other Bake Sale volunteers, and Heather Suey again for organizing dinner for the teachers and all who brought food. Also thank you to the PTA for making Star Grants possible, with \$1278.40 donated. Thanks to Heather Suey for speaking at Kindergarten Roundup on March 16. We are expecting 40 kindergarteners next year, and they will be invited to eat lunch at Harrison while the rest of the school is on field trips April 16.

2- Expect a calendar at the end of the week to show all the upcoming events: Beveridge/Morton math contest 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Benson area concert for 5/6 grade chorus and 4/5/6 grade string and band students, field day, spring concert, spring fun night, end-of-the-year party and numerous field trips.

3- For summer plans, registration for OPS summer school still available in the office on first-come, first-serve basis, and Hummel Day Camp registration also available.

4- Harrison PTA slate of officers for 2007/2008 school year:

Presidents	Heather Suey and Jill Goodrich
Vice President	Mary Garland
Co-President Elects	Jim and Debbie Simpson
Secretary	Shelley Brown
Treasurer	Raylyn Ramsgard

5- Forms are available for Nebraska PTA Honorary State Life Award and due April 13. Heather Suey volunteered to help Mrs. Garland review nominees and select those to be presented with the award on May 15.

6- Budget meeting between now and May 14 for the 2007-2008 budget. That budget will need to be accepted at the May 15 meeting.

**Treasurer's report by Raylyn Ramsgard:** The PTA's current account balance is \$25,004.57. That contains the Walking Club at \$600.00 (approximate), School Sign Fund at \$3,120.00, Playground Fund at \$6351.15, and Operating Funds at \$14,933.42. The report was accepted.

**Minutes:** From last meeting were accepted, and are also on the website, thanks to Carie O'Banion.

### **No CAC Report**

#### **Old Business:**

1- Scholastic book fair - \$397 made for playground fund, original plan was to take the money in books, but due to the fact that the Sherwood Foundation grant will give the library many new books next year, Carie O'Banion thought we could use the money for the playground fund.

2- Bake sale - \$175.30 made, \$60 in Hy-vee coupon books sold, still have 100 books left

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1- Wiese Memorial Scholarship meeting tonight

2- Heather Suey will help Mrs. Garland with nominees for PTA Life Membership Committee

3- New playground information:

-Need help addressing thank you postcards, Allison Wiese volunteered to help

-Approval of new design of playground equipment will go to the playground committee, more events at ground level were needed to comply with regulations.

-Lowe's turned down the grant application, but a grant is still out for Hamburger Helper. To help, go on-line to hamburgerhelper.com, type in Omaha, go to Harrison playground, and write why the playground is needed. Hamburger Helper awards a \$5000 grant every month. We are still waiting on one for Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, where we're asking for

matching funds. Marian Fey is also looking at two more grants to apply for on top of the Wal-Mart one. The playground may be a two year project to raise enough money to build it.

-PTA still plans to run change jar in school with incentives for students. This adds a sense of community to the project and kids contributing is helpful when applying for grants. Heather Suey thought PTA should check to see who donated to the last playground fund.

- Brick pavers - where to put them? Nebraska Humane Society replaces blank ones with engraved ones, PTA can also use bricks as an on-going fundraiser. Current prices for bricks are \$40 for 2 lines, \$50 for 3 until May for anyone interested. Mrs. Garland spoke of having a special newcomer price for incoming kindergarteners each year

4- InPlay game cards fundraiser from April 9 – May 19 with Harrison Game Night on Thursday, April 19. InPlay providing all prizes for top sellers.

**New business:**

1- Shelley Brown voted in for secretary for remainder of the school year.

2- Mrs. Garland will pay \$8 for Harrison School to join the newly re-named Metcalfe-Harrison Neighborhood Association.

3- DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Celebration May 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed to help. There will also be a book collection for gently-used and new adult and children books to be donated to help the needy. Marian Fey interested in a No TV Day to coincide with DEAR. Ellie Wolcott will be contacting The Bookworm and public libraries to see if would like to help by donating bookmarks, certificates, or other items. Carie O'Banion will talk to Ellie Wolcott about a representative from the Omaha Public Libraries coming to talk to students about the summer reading program.

4- Help is needed for the End-of-Year Party on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

5- May 19 is Dundee Spring Fling which includes neighborhood garage sales. We could have a Harrison Garage Sale to raise money for the playground fund. Kids who bring clothes to donate could exchange for something else at the sale. Shelley Brown will contact the realtor who owns the Dundee Hardware Store building to ask if building could house garage sale.

6- Reminder for spring t-shirts and hats orders. They will be taken through Friday.

7- Three yearbooks are left if anyone wants to order them.

**Teacher Representative report by Carie O'Banion:**

1- Staff thanks PTA for wonderful meal during conferences.

2- The library is getting a \$35000 for books. A few students will be going to the Golden Sower Awards on Thursday.

3- Carie O'Banion sorry to say she will be moving out of state, and will not be at Harrison next year.

**Next and Final Meetings:**

1- Monday, May 14 – Budget meeting at Dundee Presbyterian at 6:30 PM

2- Tuesday, May 15 – Spring Concert and General Meeting at Harrison “North” at 7 PM