

**McLean High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
October 20, 2008**

The October meeting of the McLean High School PTSA was called to order by Susan Perla, PTSA President.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved. The minutes are posted on the PTSA website.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Rugh presented the monthly budget report. She reviewed what was spent previously as noted on the Net 9/30/08 column from the report. Kathy expressed that Rita Cox, Directory Chair, did an outstanding job with the directory sales. Everyone applauded Rita for her excellent effort on the directory sales. Kathy announced checks for membership dues were handed to her at this meeting and will be deposited into the account shortly. The armchair fundraiser raised an impressive amount in September -- \$13, 849, and an additional \$475 in October.

Student Reports:

There were two student representatives at the meeting to give a report, Sina Mostaghimi from SAC and Jackson Langevoort from SGA. Sina shared two items from his first SAC meeting with Dr. Dale. The first topic of the meeting was regarding the school year 2010 budget cut. There was much discussion on the impact this budget cut will have on school functions and activities. Second, Fairgrade was touched briefly but not much detailed information was shared since the final report is scheduled to be released in late fall of 2008 by the Office of Accountability. Stay tuned for more info... Dr. Jackson mentioned that Dr. Dale attends the meeting with this group on a regular basis.

Jackson Langevoort from SGA presented the student report. He shared information about the past Homecoming weekend. He reminded us that the school spirit is high and everyone had a great time at the homecoming dance. The bonfire after the football game on Friday night was successful – S'mores and hot cider also ignited the bonfire spirit. Powder Puff football is coming up and expected to be a smoother event this year. This event is to be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008. Student Congress discussion is also forthcoming. The main purpose of this group is to raise voice of any issues in school.

Susan asked Betsy Sigman, Senior Class parent, about the Harvest Fest day. The Senior Class Council has planned out everything and the event is to be held this Friday, October 24, 2008. There are plenty of volunteers, food, and entertainment. Seniors are dismissed at 11:00 a.m., after 5th period.

Kathy Rugh expressed appreciation to two student representatives who attended the meeting tonight.

Principal and Staff Reports:

Dr. Jackson mentioned several past activities occurred in the past week, Chorus concert, Homecoming, and Cheer competition. She shared about being invited to the stage during the chorus concert and appreciated the chorus students for a wonderful performance. She also feels that the school spirit is high and the students had a good time in the past week. She thanked all the parents who came out to the football to show their support.

Dr. Jackson said 85 colleges have visited McLean HS so far. She also recognized one of student representatives at this meeting, Jackson Langevoort, SGA rep, for being selected as one of the National Merit Scholars.

Dr. Jackson presented the upcoming activities. The mini conference is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2008. If the parents need more time with the teachers she suggested a separate conference outside of the mini conference. Parent coffees are planned for Thursday, October 30, for Freshman/Sophomore parents, and Friday, October 31, for Junior/Senior parents. National Honor Society induction meeting is next Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Dr. Jackson asked everyone to attend the upcoming budget meeting. She was informed by county that every department has to cut or adjust 5% in budget. She stressed the importance of attending the upcoming budget meetings. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Please pay close attention to the current budget situation.

President's Report:

Susan talked about newcomers' dinner – it was a low turnout due to another function held prior to this event. We need to rethink this event next year. Fairgrade dialogue was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2008 in the lecture hall. Sara Pacque-Margolis presented additional research information, primarily about SAT and GPA correlations. Stay tuned for the release of the report by the Office of Accountability, and contact the school board members with your concerns. Susan mentioned that Jane Strauss attended the Fairgrade presentation recently held at Langley HS. Fairgrade also made presentation to the Loudoun County School Board.

Susan thanked Rita for a great directory sale at the Back-to-School-Night. She also expressed much appreciation to all the parents who volunteered at the Homecoming dance.

Susan announced the upcoming dates listed on the agenda.

Upcoming Dates:

October 21, 25, 29	Fairfax County Government FY 2010 Budget Meeting
October 24	Harvest Fest (senior class activity)
October 25	Newsletter Deadline – send articles to Kent Arnold
October 30	Parent Coffee 7:30 am – Lecture Hall (Freshman/Sophomore)

October 31 Parent Coffee 7:30 am – Lecture Hall (Junior/Senior)
November 10 PTSA Meeting, Media Center, 7:30 pm
November 11 Senior Ethics Day

Officer Reports:

Rebecca Davis mentioned the first go around on the Armchair fundraiser was successful; Rebecca is sending out another batch in late November or December for additional support.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee reported 526 families have joined the membership this year. There are 817 active members and to this date, \$17, 945 has been collected as dues and donations. We have done well this year compare to last year. Thanks to Phyllis Walker for all her relentless effort!

Senior Ethics Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11. Faculty will provide the assignments for this day. Volunteers are still needed to 1) serve breakfast to the seniors on the morning of November 11; 2) provide breakfast items for the Adult Table Leader Training on Monday, November 3 at 7:30 am at MHS; 3) provide snacks for the McLeader training on Monday, November 10, afterschool at MHS. Susan Gatsos also asked Stephanie to request for table leader volunteers at the next Safe Community Coalition meeting, Thursday, October 30. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those interested in signing up for the various volunteer opportunities.

Building and Grounds Committee has been working diligently in September to make landscape around the school look beautiful. Mums look great, thanks to Building and Grounds Committee!

Jean Sullivan from Booster announced the McLean Booster Club Annual Golf Classic tournament is planned for this Friday, October 24, 2008. The tee times is at 12 and email all inquiries regarding the tournament and the silent auction to CyndeeCannon@Juno.com.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Susan reported the Audit Committee is looking for a volunteer to join the committee to audit the financials from last year. Betty Ende graciously volunteered for this position at the meeting.

Reg Devlin announced she is selling the White House Ornaments this year if anyone is interested.

A friendly reminder announcement was made on the Safe Community Coalition meeting to be held next Thursday, October 30 at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Reg Devlin also announced another activity, MADD 5K walk on Saturday, November 1 at Fairfax Park in Reston.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

In Attendance: Susan Perla, Debbie Jackson, Jihui Kim, Stefanie Schoepfle, Kathy Rugh, Betsy Sigman, Rebecca Davis, Reg Devlin, Kathy Oram, Jaewon Lee, Jean Sullivan, Mary Bosnan, Sina Mostaghimi, Jackson Langevoort, Phyllis Walker, Betsy Smith, Irene Bortolussi, Susan Gatsos, Stoney Goodsell, Jennifer Kobylski, Betty Ende