

Rocky River PTA Council Minutes
November 10, 2009

12:35 Meeting was called to order by Deb Furry.

Recording Secretary, Mary Amsdell, called to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting. Ann Hanrahan made the motion and Cheryl Kovesky seconded and the motion passed. Future minutes can be found on each unit's web site or will be available at the meetings.

First Vice President, Ellen Ballas, had a PTA Council Student Scholarship form. Nominations for this will be accepted until March 1. Ellen is forming a nominating committee for the 2010-11 PTA Council. Volunteers include Kelly Asmar, Allison Smith, Cheryl Kovesdy, Elise Ulshaker, Sandra Muny and Patty Mod. Any person interested in holding a position on the PTA council executive board can contact Ellen.

President, Deb Furry, will send out a copy of the by-laws pertaining to nominating.

Second Vice President, Dr Michael Shoaf, spoke on the potential bond issue in Rocky River. There has been a survey and community sessions to gain feedback on the potential bond for the May ballot. All are welcome to go to the rrcs.org website and complete the on-line survey. There is a board meeting this Thursday and all are welcome.

Director of Communication, Dianna Foley, gave information on the website. All are welcome to complete the facilities survey and may sign-up for the State of the Schools on February 9, 2010 at the Civic Center at noon. Dianna recognizes the challenge to communicate information pertaining to the bond issue and welcomes any suggestions. If you have not already done so you may sign up for the e-mail notification, the link is on the website. If needed there will be a bond committee website since the school website cannot be used.

Guest Speaker, Sam Gifford, RRMS Principal. Mr. Gifford gave an update on activities at the Rocky River Middle School. Student Council is planning the Hoops for Hunger scheduled for February 19, 2010 at the Bay High School. Collecting canned goods or monetary donations. The fundraiser kicks off on February 1. The eighth grade class will be going to Washington DC again this year. The cost of the trip is \$410 will help from those who participated in the magazine drive. Junior Achievement is being implemented in to the sixth grade social studies program.

Treasurer, Mary Holtz, was absent with no report.

Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl Kovesdy, had no report.

High School PTA, Diane Beer for Ann Stemen. There is a freshman mentoring program starting for the current eighth graders and freshman. Senior projects are in the works. There will be a safety seminar in February. Mid-term exams are January 20-22. The

fruit sale starts this week. The next PTA meeting is Tuesday January 19 at 1:00 in the maroon and white room at the high school.

Middle School PTA, Paige Farling. The PTA sponsored social dance starts soon and runs for 3 Fridays; Judy Hoesler is the contact person. Maroon and White night is scheduled for February 26 6:30-10:15. They are in the need for donations, volunteers and suggestions of who to contact to solicit donations. Please contact Paige Farling. The third annual Artist Fair is currently selling tables for the fair which will be held the Friday and Saturday of the district wide art show. There are 24 tables available. The next PTA meeting is Wednesday January 20 at 9:00 in the teacher's lunchroom.

Kensington, Annette Sullivan. There will be terra nova testing on February 8. Family Game week is coming up. There was a yoga assembly for the students, all went well. The Ohio Department of Education is conducting a focus group to review the social studies and science standards, if anyone wants to participate, contact Annette. The Talent Show will be held March 19-21. The next PTA meeting is Wednesday at 7 pm and Thursday at 9:30 am.

Goldwood, Annette Smith. Goldwood had a very successful blood drive. Snowflake palace went well. There are first grade field trips and bread making coming up. The hot dog fun lunch will be held later this month. All classrooms will be having valentine's parties. March 4 is the kindergarten information night and they plan to have the supply kit forms available.

Early Childhood, Susan Hemphill. They had a very successful auction raising \$8000. The Early Childhood meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 in the middle school. The next meeting is the kindergarten information night and next month guest speaker is Joe "the coupon guy". All are welcome. Saturday April 24 will be the Spring Kids Klotset at the high school.

Board of Education, Kathy Goepfert. New board member Rev. Jon Fancher was sworn in along with current board members. Jean Rounds is the new president and Scott Swartz is the vice president. Melissa Ferchill Swingos will run the bond campaign along with recording secretary Nancy Hanson.

Jane Campanella, Community Challenge. Jane gave an update on Community Challenge. Next year they will be giving e-mail blast and doing columns in the WestLife. The website is www.community-challenge.org and is on the city website. December 7 was the photos with Santa, all went well. The new years skate was on Dec. 31 and was very successful. Family Game Week is February 7-13 with a youth/senior interactive game day scheduled for Feb.6 11-1 with a dollar donation. The basketball challenge cup will be held on April 16.

Education Foundation, Beth Hauck. The Education Foundation fundraiser will be held on Saturday March 13 at Westwood Country Club with a dinner and silent auction. This year's theme is Caddyshack.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 9, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. Amsdell
Recording Secretary