

**DRAFT**  
**MARTIN PTA MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 11, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm with Sue Kowack, Mary Beth Dufresne, Amy Watson, Kate Colavecchio, Brittany Covill, Michelle Balthazar, Kim Mercier, Sherry Norris, Amanda Lythgoe and Amanda Ramsey in attendance.

Kim Mercier and Sherry Norris were unanimously elected to be the new co-presidents.

Minutes from November were reviewed and approved.

Kim Mercier noted that the Butter Braid and Rock Cats Fundraisers are both in need of a chair. Keisha Fyler volunteered for Butter Braid and Amanda Lythgoe for Rock Cats.

**Vice President's Report:** Michelle Balthazar said that there were two new members from the last meeting bringing the total members to 84.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brittany Covill has not received the bill for Spirit Wear. The \$2,300.00 HOT School fee was paid.

**New Business:**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> PTA Town Wide Meeting Recap:** Michelle Balthazar attended the meeting at Illing. MCC on Main Street has many programs to offer to the community. The Martin PTA banner was shown and meetings for the CT PTSA were given.

**Party Light Fundraiser:** Brittany Covill was unsure of the exact amount of money raised at this time.

**Munson Candy Fundraiser:** Kim Mercier is chairing this and the information will be sent out about mid February with a possible March 20 delivery date in time for Easter.

**Old Business:**

**Original Works:** Mary Beth Dufresne stated that \$394.25 was made and there were 49 participants.

**Movie Night:** There was a good turnout and it made \$174.48.

**Parents' Night Out:** 22 students attended and made \$330.00 which was split in half with Atwater Martial Arts.

**Book Fair:** Raised \$974.65 which goes to the library. Don Diehl did a great job chairing. Having the book fair open for Gingerbread Houses and Parents' Night Out were not profitable.

**Gingerbread House Fundraiser:** Unsure of the exact amount of money raised at this time.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser:** Michelle Balthazar stated that currently only 5 families have purchased coupons and the deadline for orders is December 14. The profits go to Seasonal Sharing. We might need to send out the flyer earlier next year.

**Seasonal Sharing:** Amanda Lythgoe stated that Mrs. Starr chose 6 families this year which is 3x more than last year. Olive Garden supported one family.

**Variety Show:** will be held on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The fifth grade received flyers since they host the show. A review of the guidelines will be done and deadlines will be adhered to.

**Kate Colavecchio's Report:** She has submitted her budget for next year to the Board of Education. There is a need for full time special teachers-art, gym and music. Mrs. Briggs is retiring. Leslie Johnson is the HOT School in residence artist for the fifth grade. Amanda Ramsey spoke that Chuck Costa is interested in working with the whole school and to create a new school song. E.C.H.O.S will be staying the same for the remainder of the year. There is an interest in bringing an E.C.H.O.S class to each of the town meetings to show what they have learned. PBIS is trying to find out what the best way is to recognize students' efforts. Any gifts to your child's teacher should be a donation, for example, of a book to the library. Three noon aides are leaving at the end of this month. The current first grade paraprofessional is leaving but a new person will immediately fill the spot. New Core Curriculum testing will be done in January and CMT's will be done in March. Martin School lit the town tree this year.

**Open Discussion:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.