

**FINAL
MARTIN PTA MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm with Sue Kowack, Mary Beth Dufresne, Amy Watson, Keisha Fyler, Kate Colavecchio, Brittany Covill, Michelle Balthazar, Tracy Axiak, Robin Gilbert, Kim Mercier, Amanda Lythgoe, Amanda Ramsey, Diane Chappell, Sherry Norris and Susan Skoog in attendance.

Mrs. Briggs was presented with a gift from the entire PTA due to her retirement at the end of this school year. She was thanked for all her years of teaching and dedication.

Gift cards and thank you notes have been given out to outgoing 5th grade parents who were involved with the PTA over the years and they are: Rose Mauriello, Mike Dellaselva, Kate Dias and Marsha Roy.

HOT School Update: Ms. Eichenauer spoke about the HOT School Committee and how members attend meetings to get ideas for ECHOS and how Martin can be a hotter school. ECHOS will improve for next school year as well as town meetings.

First grade teachers Ms. Bloomquist and Ms. Leng gave ideas on how to incorporate reading and writing into the summer vacation for families.

Minutes from March were reviewed and approved.

Mary Beth Dufresne announced that Michelle Mozzer has taken over responsibility of the school sign.

Co-Presidents' Report: Sherry Norris thanked everyone for coming to the PTA meetings this past school year.

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Covill stated that Box Tops raised \$418.30; Butter braid fundraiser brought in \$416.00; Movie Night raised \$258.13; school pictures raised \$689.04; and Father/Daughter dance collected \$860.16. Teacher Appreciation cost \$45.65 and we had to pay \$30.00 to hold the seats for the Rock Cats game on May 17, 2013.

New Business:

Stop and Shop/Shop Rite/Big Y Rewards Program: Shop Rite has raised 72,873 points and Mrs. Plavin purchased the following: 16 books, 3 cassette players, 1 USB reader, 3 flash drives and 3 post it pads with the points. Shop and Shop raised \$619.99 which will go into the student activity fund. Big Y's program is still running through January 2014 and has raised 269,900 points so far. Thank you to all those who have participated in any of the three programs.

HOT School update from Amanda Ramsey: She thanked the PTA and staff for doing a great job with ECHOS and collaborating with Chuck Costa.

Old Business:

Fifth Grade Class Update: No one from the 5th grade was at the meeting.

Butter Braid fundraiser: Keisha Fyler wasn't sure about this fundraiser for next year.

Movie Night: There is a possibility of doing one more movie night before school ends.

Running Club: There is no running club tomorrow as it is a half day. There are now enough volunteers to go ahead with the club.

Chili's Night: brought in \$100.00. It was not as heavily attended as last year's event.

Rock Cats: Friday, May 17 will be baseball night for Martin. So far, 15 tickets have been sold.

Father/Daughter Dance: Amy Watson thanked everyone who volunteered and donated food. Sherry Norris was thanked for doing the pictures. The students made their own frames at the dance and everyone had fun.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Amy Watson thanked everyone who helped especially to Don Diehl for donating the food for the teacher lunch from Olive Garden.

Ice Cream Social: Marsha Roy is chairing and the date is June 6.

Kate Colavecchio's Report: Reflections is a PTA run initiative and needs to have a chair in place for the next school year. Please join the Martin Relay for Life team on June 1 at Northwest Park. There is online registration for kindergarten so the town will be paperless. Class placement starts next week. There is a school climate survey on line on the Board of Education's website. If you have any plants that can be donated to the school's Garden Club, it would be greatly appreciated. Flip flops are not allowed in school and will be added to the handbook next year. Keisha Fyler found a DJ who will work at the school's Field Day for free and she had free canopy tents donated for Field Day as well. Ms. Prindle will be leaving at the end of this school year.

Open Discussion: Kim Mercier mentioned that CAST puts on plays/musicals/acts but not during school hours and they do a wonderful job. Michelle Balthazar asked if there was a possibility of having town meetings at night to accommodate working parents. Kim Mercier mentioned possibly highlighting a specific grade at a PTA meeting to bring in more parents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.