

Robert Frost Middle School PTSA
April 14, 2009
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Robert Frost Middle School PTSA met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the Media Center.

President's Report. The president thanked everyone for their commitment to Frost this year.

Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report. The Minutes from the March 10, 2009 Board meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Program. Elaine Amir and Rich Parsons from Johns Hopkins University presented, "Shady Grove Science Center (a work in progress)". Following the presentation, there was a brief "Question and Answer" period. (See attached document for details of the JHU presentation.) Those interested in continuing the conversation were invited to a classroom to meet with Ms. Amir and Mr. Parsons.

Principal's Report. MSA testing was successful. Eighth grade students will take the Science MSA on April 27. Students are preparing for Dessert Theater, April 23-25; tickets are on sale now. The band/orchestra trip to Chicago is this week.

Nominating Committee. The slate of officers will be publicized in the Informer and in a list-serve message. Current officers and committee chairs will be contacted to see who would like to return in the same or another position with the PTSA next year.

MCCPTA Report. Consensus to support the MCCPTA resolution regarding indoor air quality.

Board/Committee Chair Updates

Membership. Discussion on including the "S" (Students) in "PTSA"; brainstormed ways to have students involved and also ways to encourage more parents to join.

Frost Informer. The deadline for submissions for the next issue is April 17.

Helping Hands. The committee received a "Certificate of Appreciation" for the outstanding contribution of care packages sent to soldiers in Operation Enduring Freedom. Emails from soldiers, thanking the students, were shared. There will be a Mini-Walk for the Homeless on Wednesday, May 27, 2:45-3:45 pm at Frost. Students will sign up in advance and a \$10 donation will be collected. The walk will benefit Stepping Stones Shelter.

Bylaws. MD PTA sent verification of the approved Bylaws. The Bylaws will be up for review in 2011.

Dances. The combined 6th-7th grade dance will be May 1, and there will be "Rock band"-type contests and other activities. Requests for volunteers will be sent out soon.

New Business

Those in attendance thanked Bob Quakenbush for his service as PTSA president this year. Bob will be out of town for the May meeting and Exec. VP Neil Keller will preside. Bob will tender his resignation, effective June 1, and Neil will perform the duties of president.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Mooney, Recording Secretary