

**SLIGO MS PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 23, 2014  
7:00pm - 8:30pm

**ATTENDANCE**

Mary O'Driscoll, President  
Carmen Romero, VP Outreach  
Alice Witt, VP Administration  
Lawrence Friedman, Treasurer  
Pat Price, Parent Council (NAACP) (by phone)  
Beth Sperber Richie, Listserv/Web  
Karen Lee, Staff Appreciation

**LOCATION**

Karen Lee's home, Silver Spring

**VOTE**

There were no votes taken at this meeting

**OUTREACH** (Mary O'Driscoll/Carmen Romero)

Overall concern that communications are not enough particularly with the Latino community. Carmen has coordinated a special SSL meeting Feb 18, 2014 to familiarize parents with this requirement. Karen shared that in the time she was president (5-6 years ago), there were monthly meetings with all the outreach specialists, particularly from ESOL, Family & Community Partnerships, Special Education, and they are paid by the county, so we should draw on these available and paid for resources. Mary to share with Mr. Wilson.

**BUDGET** (Lawrence Friedman)

Balance sheet indicates we could be spending more. We voted to modify the budget at the January 14 Membership meeting. We will do so again to increase line items for Science night and possibly mini-grants. Lawrence will reach out to the school to let them know about available funds for specific events.

**FUNDRAISING**

No new initiatives planned at this point. We will see how the Snider's receipts work out. Beth shared that a straight solicitation for funds was very successful at Eastern and parents were very

appreciative.

### **RECRUITMENT EFFORTS**

Discussed several ways to increase participation. While it may not be possible to get any open positions filled this year, the goal is to enlist volunteers who could train and take on additional roles next year. Alice will distribute the list of currently held positions and those that need to be filled next year. Ideal times to recruit were discussed, such as music concerts, international night. A list of incoming parents was also discussed, including recruiting them for membership since they know the ES parents.

### **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Pat shared the activities associated with Black History Month for February. For the March meeting, the high school principals for Northwood and Einstein will be invited to speak to parents. Similarly, several alum will be invited to share with students their perspective.

### **PARENT COUNCIL**

Discussed above and a separate report was submitted.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership currently stands at 136. Our chapter dues are paid in full with MCCPTA and MDPTA.

#### Operation Stallion

This is now up and running by Ms. Thompson. With the help of two local churches and parent contributions, weekly snack sacks and a pantry will be available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Alice Witt (VP Admin) for Drina Henry, PTSA Secretary. Minutes were approved on February 19, 2014 at the monthly membership meeting by the board members in attendance.