

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MAY 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Parliamentarian Randi Trazenfeld at 9:25 a.m. President Andrea Shosfy thanked the members for coming today and for all their help and support throughout the year. New incoming volunteers were welcomed also.

Approve Minutes: The minutes of the April 16, 2008, General Membership Meeting were presented. Karen Kett made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Nancy Harter and approved unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

New Business:

Teacher Appreciation Week: Sandra West took care of planning events and it was amazing. Teachers received certificates of appreciation and cookies. Carolyn Ross and her culinary students made a taco salad lunch for the whole staff in her room. Everyone said it was great. Having our students prepare the luncheon helped keep us under budget and highlighted the students' abilities. The last day, the teachers received a thank you note with appropriate candies ("Thanks for making our kids smart – Smarties candy attached, etc.).

Summer Reading Book Sale: Becky Herget advised that the PTSA will be using Borders to supply books for the Book Sale in the fall. Jennifer Wollmann, Lynne Schaefer, and she decided to do a summer required reading Book Sale for the first time. It has had a fair response. Today is the absolute deadline for your orders. Books will be distributed the last week of school.

End of Year Staff Luncheon – June 3rd: Lauren Mayer said her co-chair, Debbie Lichtner, sent an e-mail last week that volunteers had trouble opening. She brought and passed around a copy of the volunteer sheet and asked members to confirm the information on her consolidated sheet. They are short on desserts and soda. The theme is "Under the Tuscan Sun" and the event is planned as a high-end garden party. Roasters n' Toasters will be catering it.

She needs a few people to help set up at 2:30 p.m. on June 2nd. On June 3rd, volunteers can come in by 7 a.m., but general set up is at 9 a.m. Food should be dropped off by 11 a.m. as the lunch starts at noon. The last week of school, students get out at noon.

Palmetto's Birthday – Weekend of October 17, 2008: President Shosfy stated that a planning committee has been formed for the celebration including PTSA members and school staff. We want to get alumni involved, too. Events start the weekend of October 17th. The 50th birthday will be the theme for everything next year. She recommends going to the school website and link on "Guess who is turning 50?" for more information and to help with the committee. Plans include a sock hop, picnic days, a golf tournament, etc.

Florida PTSA: One of our students, Charles Campbell, won the \$1,000 Florida PTSA Junior College Scholarship.

Newsletter: Jill Bloom thanked everyone that has helped Bonnie Gaebe and her over the years. The newsletter will be going out soon and she has one last box of 300 newsletters that need to be folded and sealed. See her after the meeting if you can help.

Back to School Staff Breakfast: Chair Laurie Friedman said the breakfast is planned for Friday, August 15th, and she will be preparing for it over the summer. If you would like to help, contact her at laurjf40@aol.com.

Thank You – Graduating Volunteers: President Shosfy thanked graduating parents that have done so much for the PTSA over the years. She recognized Jill Bloom, Bonnie Gaebe, Cheri Ball, Sima Miska, Ellen Genet, and Pat Bucciero. Also acknowledged were volunteers unable to attend today: Donna Kupper, Debbie Bochnovich, and Simone Baldeon.

Principal's Report: President Shosfy advised that Mr. Weiner had a regional budget meeting so he could not be here. He asked her to convey his thanks to the membership for all their help and support this year and he wishes everyone a great summer.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Isabel McBrayer said we have excess funds in Special Projects. She requests that \$1,500 of it be moved into the summer account. We still have surplus funds and have set aside money for budgeted items. Cheri Ball made a motion to move \$1,500 of the Special Projects overage to the summer account. The motion was seconded by Lynne Schaefer and approved unanimously.

In addition, we would like to purchase Academic Year Planning Calendars produced by North Miami Beach Senior High PTSA. The cost is \$500 to supply calendars to all of the teachers for next school year. Normally, the school would buy them, but this year the funds are not available. The board as already agreed on this. Karen Kett made a motion to spend up to \$500 to purchase Academic Year Planning Calendars for MPHS staff. Claudia Glasson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Recognitions and Thank You Committee Chairs: President Shosfy expressed gratitude to members for volunteering and doing such wonderful jobs this past year: Norma Miller, Hospitality; Michelle Softness, Staff Breakfast; Debbie Rosenthal and Robin Laidlaw, Holiday Luncheon; Sandra West, Teacher Appreciation and Reflections; Lauren Mayer and Debbie Lichtner, End of Year Luncheon; Debbie Bochnovich, Attendance; Sima Miska, Health Programs; Barbara Davis and Donna Kupper, College Night; Barbara Berg, Book Sale; Caryn Boren, Taste of Pinecrest; Heidi Delisser, Cecelia Prah, and Randi Trazenfeld, EESAC.

Also recognized was Lynne Schaefer, Attendance, E-mail Communications, and just about everything else. She was voted MPHS Volunteer of the Year. Another active volunteer at MPHS, Debbie Rosenthal and her family won the VIP (Very Involved Parents) award for Palmetto High School and were honored as the Volunteer Family of the Year for MDCPS.

President Shosfy recognized and thanked Executive Board members: Mercedes Sorensen and Donna Kupper, Membership; Lynne Schaefer, Attendance and E-mail Communications; Mary Steele, Volunteers; Jennifer Wollmann, Legislative and Special Projects; Karen Kett, Donation Program; Claudia Glasson, Parliamentarian; Pat Bucciero, Corresponding Secretary; Roxy Lancelli, Recording Secretary; Isabel McBrayer, Treasurer; Becky Herget, Fundraising and Third Vice President; Cheri Ball, Second Vice President; and Nancy Harter, First Vice President and Community Outreach.

On behalf of the PTSA membership, Nancy Harter thanked Andrea Shosfy for all her hard work and efforts this past year. Finally, the membership expressed their appreciation to Isabel McBrayer for generously opening her home for our final meeting of the year.

Installation: Conducted by Cheri Ball, the 2008-2009 Executive Board was inaugurated, as follows:

President:	Andrea Shosfy
First Vice President:	Cipora Auslander
Second Vice President:	Nancy Harter
Third Vice President:	Becky Herget
Treasurer:	Isabel McBrayer
Recording Secretary:	Roxy Lancelli
Corresponding Secretary:	Hal Rosenfeld
Parliamentarian:	Randi Trazenfeld

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Roxy Lancelli, Recording Secretary

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