

Galway Elementary PTA
November 3, 2004

CALL TO ORDER at 7: 09 p.m. by PTA Co-President Criss Talsania

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Oct minutes were approved as distributed in a motion by Dave R. that passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Montgomery Co. Police continue to refine their reporting of incidents near school
The Dec PTA meeting will be a Holiday Dinner at a TBD location.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Presentation of Testing Standards for MAP which will be done on computers and will not be included in students grades

Police have been monitoring the parking along Galway Dr. and notified Ms. Ffolkes that they will begin ticketing those not in compliance.

Galway is getting an additional ESOL teacher. There are currently 140 students or 20% of the Galway student body in ESOL.

Reminded of parent/teacher conferences and Early Release days on Nov 10 &11, Nov 19
Awards reception, Nov 22 Character Assembly, Dec 3 Paint Branch Band assembly

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: none

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Thanks to PTA for Back to School funds

TREASURERS' REPORT:

Criss reminded people to put their committee name on Check Request as the Treasurer's may not yet know everyone.

Reports attached

MCCPTA DELEGATES' REPORT:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Consortium: Anne Carson - The October 25th consortium meeting was held at Key Middle School, the focus was on middle school issues. Each principal from the five consortium middle schools were present and gave a brief report about their respective schools, they also took questions, (note: the five middle schools are Briggs Chancy, Banneker, Key, White Oak and Farquhar.)

The Consortium Coordinators are preparing testimony to present to the Board of Education concerning the Capital Improvements Programs (CIP). This is the budget that funds all projects having to do with the schools' facilities. The testimony is scheduled for November 11 in Rockville. I have told our Coordinator to include in their comments that Galway needs our

modernization to stay on track. I also told the coordinator to be sure to thank the Board for funding our health room renovation and new parent drop off loop/parking lot. Kim Jones will be joining Anne as the Galway representative

Hands On Science: The winter session will start during the week of Jan 10th. The registration material will be sent out during the first week of November. The completed registration forms along with the fee are due by 11/19/04. The classes are on first come first serve basis. The K-1 and 2-3 classes are scheduled to be on Thursday. The day for 4-5 is TBD. Parents who are interested in teaching the classes can contact Leela Patnaik at dtneatea@yahoo.com. Leela

Heritage Night: The Heritage Night Program will be held on Friday, March 4 in the Multipurpose Room from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. I will call a committee meeting in November to begin planning. Kim Jones

Lunch Room: We need more help in the lunch room too! Dave

Membership: Galway sold 239 cards this year! (there's one poor, lonely card left if anyone wants to buy it, and we can get more!) Last year we sold 240 - Gina Lowe

Year Book: The date for Candid Photos has been set up for Dec 10th. Gwen Taylor has set up a group on Yahoo to receive photos. TO JOIN THE GROUP, send email to Post message: Galway Yearbook2004- subscribe@yahoogroups.com Email can be sent to: GalwayYearbook2004@yahoogroups.com Information about the Year Book cover page contest will be sent out soon. Leela

Kindergarten Orientation: Karen Mills will chair and work with Tammie McClain

Social: Debra Harris and Tammie McClain volunteered to serve as co-chairs. We will try to have a Bingo and Sock Hop next calendar year.

Staff Appreciation: Gail Wolf will be contacting committee members. The event will be sometime after the play.

Field Day: Lee Slezak had nothing

Beautification: Lee Slezak need ideas for projects

Webpage: Lee for Petra Slezak. She has been updating the webpage with PTA Meeting Minutes, Committee Chair list. Let her know what you need added.

Cultural Arts: Debbie Van Demark We have booked two assemblies:
Nov 15 - Dovie Thomason, Native American Voices 9:45am Pre-K-2, 10:45am 3-5
Dec 13 - Ziva Spanish Dancers 9:45am Pre-K-2, 10:30am 3-5. WPAS Free Program
Working on booking Kevin Reese "A Perfect Balance"
Avoiding assemblies in Jan-Feb because of the play and none in March because of testing.
Considering the following:

Larry Points - Education Park Ranger and Author of books on Assateague and National Seashore

Kids on the Block - free program for Kindergarten

Military Band - free program

Galway Student Handbook and Directory: Debbie Van Demark Comments have been received from Ms. Ffolkes and we plan to go to press by Friday, Nov 5.

Special Needs: Jeanne created and shared a booklet for teachers and parents of Special Needs children. Don't forget to sign up for the Galway Listserv. It is intended to allow for the exchange of all kinds of information not just school related notices including Girl Scouts, sport leagues etc.

Book Fair: Jo Talley we bought 4000 worth of books and earned Galway over \$2000. Need help for the Spring Book Fair probably the second week in May. The Spring Fair would be a good way for someone to learn the job as it is Jo's last year with a student at Galway.

Ways and Means: Laurie Holman and Gloria Dilalo's complete report is attached at the end of the minutes. They added a request for help to move any orders that are not picked up on Friday out of the Gym.

Volunteers: Sheree Gripper - need help with Sally Foster delivery and distribution, Vision and Hearing Screening on Nov 17&18 and Dec 22&23 (9:30-3:30 with a break for lunch)
Committees that need help need to give Sheree enough time to find volunteers

Health & Safety: Carla Lambert needs help escorting children for hearing and vision screening. Volunteers do NOT do the testing itself.

Newsletter: Susan Payton said that time sensitive information could be sent out on the Galway ListServ and suggested that the Newsletter go out 4 times a year in Oct, Jan, March and May. In response to a question, Susan said that the budget for the newsletter is \$500 and that the October edition with 6 pages cost \$139 to copy. Jeanne Taylor so moved and the motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that the Home/School Notes could be distributed with the Blue Notes.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

NAACP: Adeola Akindana 301-572-0077 gave the address for the ListServ which was later shortened to be galwaypcnet@yahoo.com They meet every 2 months and you do NOT need to be a NAACP member to attend.

ADJOURNMENT moved by Lee Slezak at 8:21pm and passed unanimously.

TO: Galway Elementary School PTA

FROM: Laurie Holman, Gloria Diallo, Co-chairs, Ways and Means Committee
DATE: November 3, 2004

We would like to thank all the students, parents, families, friends, and staff who made this year's PTA fundraiser a success. Because of you and all your efforts we not only reached our goal of \$12,000 but we surpassed it by \$4,000!

Almost 300 students and staff submitted \$33,629 worth of orders for Sally Foster products. In doing so, they provided the means to enrich the lives of all our students. While every order was important and contributed to surpassing our goal, we had nearly 50 students with sales over \$200. Of these students, 21 had sales over \$300, 10 had sales over \$400, 5 had sales over \$500, and 2 had sales over \$600! The names of these students are listed on the back. These students will receive a Sally Foster Sales Achievement certificate.

Twelve classes had sales of \$1,000 or more, representing nearly 65% of total sales. These classes are listed on the back. In the pre-K - 2nd grade category, Ms. Butkus' class had the most sales (\$1,844). In the 3rd - 5th grade category, Ms. Manha's class had the most sales (\$2,141).

Five classes had 50% or more students participate in the fundraiser. These classes are listed on the back. The class with the greatest participation in the pre-K - 2nd grade category was Ms. Balwin's class, with 73% participation. In the 3rd - 5th grade category, Ms. Manha's and Ms. Hoffman's classes tied for greatest participation, with 60% of the students participating in the fundraiser.

The classes with the highest overall sales earned a pizza or ice cream party (we'll let Ms. Butkus and Ms. Manha decide). Those with the greatest participation earned ice pops for all their students.

We had eight checks returned for either non-sufficient funds or a closed account; totaling almost \$ 900. We were able to recover about \$ 750 plus fees on two checks and were able to delete two orders (\$34) before submitting our school's final order to Sally Foster. Our treasurers, Sharon Ruckdeschel and Nina Grigsby-Barnes, can provide more information. At pick up on Friday we will request payment plus the PTA's \$15 returned check fee. If payment is not made, we will ask the parent to figure out which items from their order was paid for with one of these checks and we will keep those items and try to sell them later or use them as a prize at a future PTA event.

Pickup is this Friday, November 5, from 4:30 to 7:30. An adult must pick up the order. Your child(ren) should have brought home a flyer today announcing that pick up is on Friday in the gym. It is critical that all orders be picked up this Friday. If there is a problem, please call one of us to arrange a time on Sunday morning for pick up. On Sunday there will be three church services at the school and with so many people in the building, we cannot guarantee the security of the merchandise.

We need volunteers to help with delivery (**Friday from 3:00 – 4:00**) and to help with distribution (**Friday from 4:30 to 7:30**), and again on **Sunday from 1:00 –1:45** to move any remaining merchandise from the gym to the hallway between the All Purpose Room and the

office. A sign-up sheet is being passed around.

Galways Super Sally Foster Salesmen of the Year

Students

Over \$ 600

Ashlyne Coates

Jordan Pelton

\$ 500 – \$ 599

Michelle Tally

Monica Adkinson

Lindzee Gripper

Janice Arana

Natalie Harris

\$ 400- \$ 499

Beyonce Solomon

Allie Albrecht

\$ 300 – \$ 399

Brittany Lambert

Marshall McGlone

D. Robertson

Lauren McNeal

Lavet Gripper

Diamond Nwaeze

Kyle Wolf

Joselle Royer

Jasmine White

David Nguyen

Christine Diggs

\$ 200- \$ 299

Jennifer Herrera

Lindsey Janoskie

Tizitia Balemlay

Abubakary Kaba

Brian Mansaray

Kate Holman

Aris Mayfield

Samual Abangme

Sara Mascone

Paul Michael Diallo

Sam Lowe

Geeta Sawmney
Travis Newsome
K. Livingstone
Destiny Phea
Jacob Tolson
Sundjata Suma
Jalen Lowry
Emma Shannon
Shane MCGovern
Jalen Taylor
Willy Roy
Miranda Paola
Kera Swart
Jordan Radway
Melissa Witherspoon
Alleson Shaw
Marie Williams
Ngozi Nwanji

Classes

Sales

Over \$2,000

Ms. Manha

Over \$1,500

Ms. Kirk

Ms. Mutchler

Ms. Butkus

Ms. Bass

Over \$ 1,000

Ms. Wallace

Ms. Hoffman

Ms. An

Ms. Graves

Ms. Duvall

Ms. Beitzer

Ms. Smith

Participation

Ms. Baldwin

Ms. Manha

Ms. Hoffman

Ms. Bittner

Ms. Graves