

MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE
ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2005
Elementary Dining Room, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Attendance: Kim Soares, Karen Kawamura, Paul Czubryt, Iris Ching, Judy Dang, Susan Donlon, Kim Sonson, Gayle Hirose, Debbie Ramirez, Pam Yoshihiro, Stacy Hirano, Venice Hochman, Edna Hussey, Nicole Chung

Call to order. Kim Soares called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

I. Introduction of parents. Each parent introduced themselves, stating their child's name and grade

II. Review notes from prior meeting – Nicole Chung.

No corrections to prior meeting minutes.

III. Treasurer's Report – Judy Dang –

Revised budget for school year 2005-2006.

- A. School Barbeque total may not be final – awaiting any further receipts to be submitted
- B. Kim to submit receipts for prior and this PTO meeting refreshments

IV. Principal's Report – Edna Hussey

- A. Teachers are working on using Teacher Meetings and Portfolios as working tools to improve on teaching techniques.
- B. Dining Room furniture should be arriving next week. Tables/chairs now in use will be returned to upper campus.

V. Mid-Pac Manoa Campus PTO report – Gina Overton/ Pam Yoshihiro

- A. There was a white elephant/car wash held to raise funds for Katrina Support.
- B. The Hawaii Youth Opera chorus offers various classes, including hula, piano & ukulele.
- C. The Grant Proposal for the Elementary Directory funds was withdrawn due to the donation from the MPIE Ohana.

VI. Community Relations

Parents-As-Partners

- A. Shirley Yuen (a 2004 Parents-As-Partners speaker) will speak again on March 8, 2006.
- B. Debbie Ramirez to look into inviting a policeman to speak on Internet Security.

VII. New Business

- A. **Halloween Spooktivity** – Wendy D'Innocenti & Sara Muraoka
Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to help! The higher campus is performing a magic show for the elementary children and all the tasks have been handed out.
- B. **Manoa Holiday Parade/Christmas Trolley** – Co-Chairs: Karen Kawamura and Donna Wong
The committee is in the process of deciding what type of vehicles will be rented for the parade – The "Tumble Bus" has been held for preschoolers and their parents, but the committee has not decided if it will be used or cancelled. Gomes Buses will be rented for other participants.

VIII. Fund Raising Management

- A. Scrip & E-Scrip Volunteers: Kim Chalekian, Catherine Trapasso, Lauri Madanay, Venice Hochman – The Ohana will post E-Scrip on the Elementary web site and send home fliers.
- B. Box Tops for Education: Deborah Ramirez & Pam Yoshihiro to prepare fliers for Thursday packets to help get the word out.

IX. Parents Questions/Concerns/Concerns

- A. Auto Line – Parents requested access to upper campus during morning drop-off for those with children in both Elementary and High School. Edna to discuss with Security office.
- B. Parents discussed concerns regarding access to Elementary School web-site. Edna to discuss concerns with Scott Yoshinaga, Technology Coordinator.
- C. Moon Over Manoa – parents asked about outcome of fund raiser. Report to be made at next Tuesday's MPI PTO meeting.
- D. Traditions – parents inquired on any traditions that MPI had before the Elementary School was added, it would be motivating to Elementary students to start perpetuating these traditions. Edna was not sure of any traditions, Elementary PTO parents to ask MPI PTO next Tuesday.

X. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on November 9, 2005.