

**Maple Grove Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009**

In Attendance –Connie Higgs, Heather Timothy, Laura Miskiv, MaryAnn Markovetz, Cara Nichols, Lisa Wilhelm, Mark Jones, Debbie Ripplinger, Cindy Cook

Handouts – Agenda, February Minutes, Revised Standing Rules for 2009

Meeting called to order @ 6:40 by MaryAnn Markovetz

Mark Jones

- Thank you for attending Learning Fair. Parent feedback is that they liked being able to go into other teacher's classrooms. It gave them the opportunity to meet next years teachers, but the hour didn't seem long enough to get to every room.
- Next year considering extending the event over 3 nights to help with traffic issue. Only certain grades would present each evening. The agenda would be more presentation/activity so that families would make and take away something with them.

Heather Timothy

- Attended Legislative Day and found it informative, but not very captivating for children and teens.
- Was able to sit in on the House Education Committee Meeting where she heard Representative Durst Speak.
- Learned the brake down for how schools get paid.
- Found it to be a great networking opportunity with other PTAs.
- Would recommend that we send a representative from our school each year.

We are currently looking for a guest speaker for the next meeting. Ideas that were suggested :

Representative Durst
Mrs. Schumaker
Mrs. Armstrong – possible topic, wellness

Mary Ann

- What fundraisers should we drop in light of the current economy?
- What things in the PTA budget can be dropped or “leaned” down?
- Encourage more “Boxtops”, because this is a fundraiser that does not cost the PTA anything.
- Provide prize for the child that brings in the most each month? Something like a pencil or pack of smartees.
- Encourage parents to shop online through the website to earn more points for the school.
- Information about this fundraiser goes out in each new Kindergarten folder at registration day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.