



Chamblee Charter High School PTSA  
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*"Every child. One Voice."*

General Membership Meeting  
November 14, 2011

Revised Minutes

**Call to Order** – at 7pm by Karen Ruffin, Co-President.

**Attendees:** Belinda Wedgwood, Dr. Rochelle Lowery, Carmen Walker, Jo-ann Lawrence, Karen Ruffin, Kathy Watson-Chu, Larry Pope, Margaret Eastham, Nancy Farrey, Nancy Kelly, Tony Ellis, Richelle Isaac, Cary Nelson, Rosemary Woolfitt, Angel Jones, Joey Reasor, and Ruth Primm.

**Review/Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were reviewed by Carmen. Motion for approval was made by Carmen. The minutes were approved as read.

**Principal's Report** – Dr. Lowery reported that there will be a Design Team meeting on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> as well as a Community Construction meeting on Nov. 29. After the Thanksgiving break, some parking spaces will be lost due to the start-up of work on the retention pond. Arrangements have been made for alternative parking. Additionally, Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. She further noted that the mother of John Cagle (a Chamblee graduate who recently died while serving in the military) sent correspondence to the school. She also learned of the death of William Guillermo – another Chamblee graduate. Lastly, Principal Lowery addressed questions raised by the Membership.

**Treasurer's Report** – An update to the budget thru 10/31/2011 was given by Larry Pope. He noted that we made our donation to the Dekalb County PTSA Scholarship Fund. Under "Cultural Arts," the "History" line item was discussed. As a result, Ms. Rochelle Isaacs volunteered to chair the Women's "Herstory" Month.

## **Committee Reports**

*Reflections-* Dr. Riether was unable to attend, but sent her report which was read by Karen. Specifically, by the 10/28 deadline there were 10 submissions for Visual Arts of which 8 were accepted at the County level. There were 4 submissions for Photography of which 3 were accepted at the County level. There was 1 submission for Dance which was not submitted at the County level. Dr. Riether and one of the judges from Chamblee have been asked to participate at the County level.

*Health and Wellness-* Belinda discussed the “3 for 3” Drive to collect tissue, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes for placement in the classrooms in January. She also attended the “Race To Nowhere” at Oglethorpe. The project has the goal of building a community-based group to make resources available to students and parents.

*Cultural Arts-* Rosemary reported that she has made several attempts to obtain appropriate entertainment for each grade level. Possibilities include a Teddy Roosevelt impersonator for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, The World Music for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and GA Shakespeare for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The membership gave names of additional contacts and groups/organizations for consideration.

*Blue & Gold Foundation-* Mrs. Farrey reported that the Foundation’s Hall of Fame dinner was held on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, “goodie bags” will be distributed to the faculty courtesy of the Foundation.

*Campus Beautification-* Mrs. Farrey noted that the next “Day of Service” may involve painting.

*Legislation and Advocacy-* Ruth noted that the Legislative Forum will be held Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at the BOE bldg. Additionally, PTA Day at the Capitol will be held at the end of February 2012.

## **Old Business**

A Theft Prevention committee has been formed by the teachers.

Nancy Kelly has identified a parent volunteer who would be interested in assembling a PTSA newsletter which could include article submissions, grade level reminders, information from Dr. Lowery, and a calendar corner.

Action Item: Karen and Nancy Kelly will discuss ideas.

## **New Business**

Steps have been taken to start the formation of the Nominating Committee.

Academic Council Meeting- the addition of a STEM focus at CCHS was discussed. See Ms. Peterson or Nancy Kelly, if interested in assisting.

The CCHS PTSA received a “Visionary Award” as well as an award for achieving a 10% increase in membership.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Carmen Walker,  
Recording Secretary