

**MT. BETHEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA General Meeting**

November 8, 2007

Co-presidents Jane Fox and Cindy Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30.

The Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance were presented by Boy Scout Pack #795.

The inspiration was given by Phoebe Hearst Outstanding Educator, Mr. Jim Morris, who shared wisdom gained from Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

Kim Arasin, Secretary, reported that the minutes from the August 14 and 16, 2007 General Meetings had been posted and approved; therefore the reading of the minutes was waived.

Jennifer Karl presented the Treasurer's Report. The ledger balance is approximately \$89,300. Jennifer pointed out items on the P & L statement and recognized the Book Fair for \$12,900 in cash receipts to date. The other half of the receipts will be in shortly. Jennifer also acknowledged the success of the Gift Wrap sales. She also reminded teachers that they can continue turning in stipend requests through June 30.

Jane Fox and Cindy Nichols welcomed everyone. They reminded everyone about the Fun Run this Saturday with registration available on site. Shirts can be purchased for non-runners, as well.

Cindy asked everyone to complete the survey distributed at the meeting. It can also be accessed on the Mt. Bethel blog.

Principal, Robin Lattizori, thanked everyone for supporting the Foundation. The Patron Program achieved the fundraising goal and brought in over \$104,000. Principal Lattizori also explained that Mt. Bethel is one of seven schools in Cobb County chosen to participate in the 21st Century Technology program and has received interactive white boards, LCD projectors, student response systems and additional technology upgrades in all the class rooms.

Mt. Bethel Reflections Co-Chair, Colleen Farley and GA PTA Reflections Chair, Susan Thrash thanked all the students who participated in the Reflections program this year and the teachers who encouraged participation. Susan explained that Reflections is a National PTA program and Mt. Bethel had 174 entries this year. The winners for each category and grade were recognized and awarded medals. Additional thanks were given to Co-chair Liz Marchionni, and photographer Diana Iversen. The theme was "I can make a difference by..."

Student Council Sponsors, Liza Avery and Eileen Jedlicka, installed the Student Council Officers and recognized all of the classroom representatives and alternates. They explained that the Student Council has been organized at Mt. Bethel for 17 years and they operate a post office, newspaper, tutoring committee and other programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and the 5th grade Musical Performance followed under the direction of Ms. Amanda Jordan.

Kim Arasin
Secretary, Mt. Bethel PTA