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# Mokapu PTA

# General Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm

Mokapu Elementary School Cafetorium

Type of Meeting: Mokapu PTA General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Kimberly Caldwell, PTA President

Invitees: All PTA Members and interested parties

I. Sign-in

II. Call to Order/Welcome @ 6:34 pm

III. Treasurer’s Report

* See attached report for more details
* Papa John’s Pizza Night raised over $300 for month of September
* Fall Bookfair raised $2,296.00 for PTA and $2,000.00 for Library books and educational materials
* Reader’s Digest fundraiser brought in about $3,000.00

IV. Guest Speakers

A. Focus Group (Devin Price, Site Director)

- The FOCUS Project (Families OverComing Under Stress) is a program designed to develop resiliency for military families and children dealing with stress during wartime.

- FOCUS staff helps military families to understand how wartime stress affects them and their service family member, how to manage it, and how to strengthen themselves and their children.

- Workshops are family-centered and help to build family/parent skills

- Website address is [www.focusproject.org](http://www.focusproject.org)

B. SOAR (Mary Beth Tubbs, School Counselor)

- SOAR (Student Online Achievement Resources) is a free internet-based program for students in grades 3-12. It assists students with reading, math, and language arts.

- Students can take a test on state learning standards and work with tutorials to improve their skills.

- Website address is <http://soarathome.com>

C. PCNC – Make a Difference Day (Heidi Dickens, Facilitator)

 - Event will take place on Saturday, October 25 from 8 am to 2 pm

 - It is a partnership with 1/3 Marines

- Volunteers will assist with the following projects: painting hallway maps; painting hallway activities; replanting classroom gardens; planting papaya garden; replacing rubber chips around the Kindergarten playground; and cleaning up litter

- Volunteers can also donate breakfast items (drop them off in Room P-6 the day before or bring them to the school at 7 am on October 25)

- Lunch will be provided for volunteers

- Future projects will include concreting the PE playground and six tetherball areas as well as replacing ceiling fans in the cafe

V. New Business

1. Café Tables

- Café tables are too expensive to purchase because of the high shipping costs

- Mr. Kaskovich made a motion to not spend PTA funds on café tables; Mindy Clepper seconded it

- Vote taken; motion passed. PTA funds will not be used for café tables - they will be used for school improvements instead (projects to be decided later)

1. Red Ribbon Week

- Will take place the week of October 20-24

- It promotes drug awareness, bullying prevention, and healthy lifestyles

- All grades are invited to participate in a poetry and poster contest using the theme “What Does Red Ribbon Week Mean to You?”

- Entries must be submitted to PTA in Room P-6 by October 24

- All entries will be judged by Hawaii Marine newspaper staff; winning entries will also be published in the Hawaii Marine newspaper

- There will be one prize per grade level for poems, and one prize per grade level for posters

1. Enrichment Programs

- New Craft Club session started this week; grades K-2 meet on Thursdays after school, and grades 3-6 meet on Wednesdays after school

- New Mad Science session for grades 3-6 begins November 7

- Choir Club meets after school on Mondays and Wednesdays; a holiday show will take place on December 10; some choir members will sing at the base tree lighting ceremony on December 7 and at the Holiday Breakfast on December 19

1. Bicycle Rodeo (Mrs. Shaner)

- Will take place on October 23 from 8:15 to 10:15 am at school

- Students in grades 1-6 who ride their bicycles to school or around base are encouraged to attend the Bicycle Rodeo to receive safety training with the base PMO; they need to bring their bicycles and helmets on this day

- There will be a safety course along with helmet fitting and bicycle registration stations

- Flyer about this event will go home with students next week

1. “Mokapu Beat” in Hawaii Marine paper

- Published every Friday

VI. Upcoming Fundraisers

1. Family Bingo Night

- Will take place on November 14

- More details to come later

1. Windward Mall Discount Cards

- Can be purchased for $5 to be used during the weekend of November 15 and 16; participating shops offer discounts on certain items and services during this “Festival of Giving”

1. Boxtops

- Deadline is October 29

- About $500 in boxtops already saved from last school year

- Future collection dates to be announced

- Campbell’s Soup and Tyson’s labels are being collected to raise money for classrooms as well

VII. Principal’s Notes

* Free online tutoring is available at [www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org); password is **usmc**
* Parents and students are reminded to recycle bottles and cans and not to allow chemicals to go down storm drains.

VIII. Open Forum

* No other issues discussed

IX. Adjournment

* Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Next General PTA Meeting to be held on February 19, 2009. Time and location to be announced later.



