

MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mesquite ISD-405 E. Davis-Mesquite, Texas 75149



President's Message

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Hello Everyone,

I can't believe this is the last newsletter that I will be writing to you. What a wonderful year I have had serving as your MEPA president for the second time. It has been my pleasure to serve you and very rewarding for me.

The board you elected and the committees that we had, worked so hard for me and for you as members and they did an outstanding job. I really appreciate each one of them and all of you who have so faithfully supported our MEPA association. I appreciate all the work that was put into our fundraisers, staff days, bazaar, area workshop and our banquet this year. We had to change the location and date of the banquet because of being snowed out and then water damage, but with a new location we were able to have our banquet this year. I really appreciate everyone who worked so hard to make the banquet happen and we were very excited that some of our high school paras were able to attend since they only get to attend one meeting a year with the new calendar. Some of you chose to donate your ticket to the scholarship fund which was appreciated and will be used for the kids. With the banquet ticket refunds that were requested our banquet went in the hole \$508.66 which was out of our control. We budgeted \$1000 to cover the liaisons tickets and expenses and the breakdown is as follows:

Banquet budget	\$1000.00	Income
Ticket Sales	\$ 695.00	Income
President/members gifts/custodian	\$ 602.44	Expense
Food and Drink	\$1495.00	Expense
Ticket refunds requested	\$ 640.00	Expense
Total MEPA lost on banquet	-\$508.66	Expense

Let's face it this was an unusual year for weather in Texas but we survived it. I can truly say that so many of our members really lived up to the theme I chose this year which was hands that serve, hearts that care. Every year you as members really step up and make things happen for the kids of our district as well as our organization.

Please don't forget to honor your boss on National Educational Bosses Week in May. Without the support of our bosses we could not have an association. I wish all of you blessing from on high and a happy, healthy remainder of this school year. It has truly been my pleasure to serve you this year.

Thanks for your support,

Dianne Lemons
Dianne Lemons
MEPA President 2010-2011

Calendar of Events 2011

March
14th—18th SPRING BREAK

26th—STEM
Basic Communication—SSC
Cheryl Gregory

April
2nd—STEM
Effective Office Practices—SSC
Debbie Faires

June
22nd—25th –SWC (Summer Work
Conference) Embassy Suites—
Frisco, Texas



CEOP Graduation

Coming in June
Embassy Suites Frisco Texas

The 2010-211 STEM Committee is busy planning the CEOP Graduation and Reception to be held during the TESA Summer Work Conference at the Embassy Suites Frisco in June 22-25.

If you have received your CEOP certification and plan to attend, please contact Cheryl Gregory at ext. 7702 or cdgregory@mesquiteisd.org.

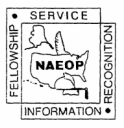
If you have not yet turned in your paperwork for CEOP certification, please do so BEFORE the April 20th deadline.

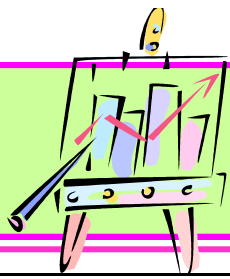
Visit the MEPA Website at: www.mesquiteisd.org/MEPA

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide a meaningful and relevant paraprofessional staff development plan which addresses and promotes the growth and self-improvement of all paraprofessional employees so that individual professionalism is realized in a cohesive work environment through progressive understanding of the paraprofessional's role and relationship between the students, district and community.

In affiliation with Texas Educational Support-Staff Association and National Association of Educational Office Professionals





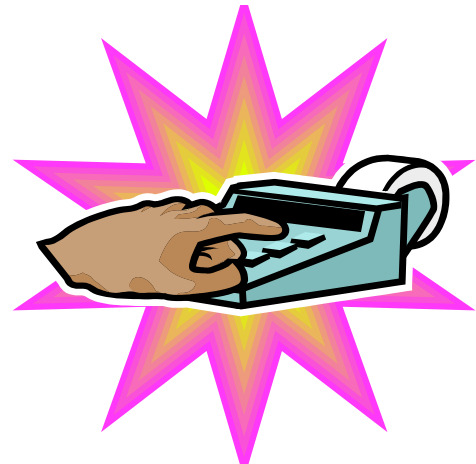
MEPA Treasure's Report



Treasurer's Report MEPA Scholarship Account 2-8-11 to 2-24-11		
Bank and Checkbook Balance 2-8-11		\$13,515.62
Income		
Total Income		\$0.00
Expenses		
Scholarship-Rebecca Newton	\$750.00	\$750.00
Total Expenses		\$750.00
Bank and Checkbook Balance 2-24-11		\$12,765.62

Treasurer's Report MEPA Regular Account 2-8-11 to 2-24-11		
Bank and Checkbook Balance 2-8-11		\$11,952.06
Income		
Membership	\$8.00	
Banquet	\$695.00	
Change for Banquet Expenses	\$19.18	
Total Income		\$722.18
Expenses		
Hospitality	\$66.50	
Banquet	\$1,820.00	
General	\$132.41	
Gifts	\$124.46	
STEM	\$47.15	
Total Expenses		\$2,190.52
Bank and Checkbook Balance 2-24-11		\$10,483.72

Banquet Totals:		
Budgeted	\$1,000.00	
Income	\$1,335.00	
Total		\$2,335.00
Expenses	(\$2,203.66)	
Tickets Refunded	(\$640.00)	
Total		(\$2,843.66)
Overall Banquet Profit/Loss		(\$508.66)





Time is **RUNNING** out!

Apply **TODAY** for a
\$750 MEPA Scholarship

Apply online:

www.mesquiteisd.org/mepa

Choose scholarships/MISD Students

Deadline to apply:

March 11, 2011

Return your completed
application to the counselor's
secretary no later than March 4.

Sylvia Martinez-MEPA Scholarship Chairman



MEPA Banquet & Board Installation

February 8th, 2011—Mesquite, TX



2011-2012 President Sandy Salazar presenting Past President, Dianne Lemons the Presidential Clock.



Banquet guests enjoying Fajita's from Terrell Cafe and socializing.



Banquet guests enjoying the company and food.



2011-2012 President, Sandy Salazar sharing her Gavel pin.



Ed and Mandi Burns with President Sandy Salazar. Ed and Mandi presented the 2011-2012 Installation of the new MEPA Officers.



Ed Burns installing the 2011-2012 Officers. He used Sandy's theme, "Taking Care of Students MEPA Style" throughout the presentation. As he pointed, the membership finished his phrase, "MEPA Style".

MEPA Banquet & Board Installation

February 8th, 2011—Mesquite, TX



Cris Hays and Darla Forsyth greeted guests at the sign in table.



Table Decoration the "Table Hat"



2011-2012 MEPA Board Installed. (L-R)

*Darla Forsyth, 1st VP Programs - Cris Hays, 2nd VP Membership—Regina Robinson, Secretary
Marsha Baker, Treasurer (not pictured - Cheryl Gregory accepted gift in Marsha's place)
Paula Lambright, Historian (not pictured - Debbie Faires accepted gift in Paula's place)
Dianne Lemons, Parliamentarian - Jennifer Lamb, President-Elect—Sandy Salazar, President*



*Business Office ladies took time to smile for the camera!
Debbie Faires, Denise Alexander,
Trish Umberger, and Donita Greeson*



*MEPA wants to thank Jason's Deli for their donation of the amazing Strawberry Shortcake!
For catering events, don't forget Jason's!*



*TESA Summer Work Conference
Make plans to attend the 2011 Summer Work
Conference in Frisco, TX on
June 22-25, 2011.*

*More information regarding the SWC
will be posted by March 2011.*

*Visit the web site for more information:
<http://www.tesatexas.org/node/204>*