



MEPA Messenger

MESQUITE EDUCATIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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Together
We Make a
Difference

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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 being your MEPA President. It was a job I wasn't sure I was prepared for and never dreamed of the many blessings I would receive. It has been so rewarding for me and I have met so many wonderful people this past year that I will never forget.

The board you elected and the committees that we had, worked so hard for me and for you as members and did an outstanding job. I really appreciate each one of them as I know that you do.

Our fundraisers, staff development programs, bazaar and banquet all turned out to be great successes. I hope you enjoyed each part that you participated in. Thanks to you, our membership increased and we are able to give several student and paraprofessional scholarships due to the large amount of money you helped raise.

I appreciate the beautiful clock you gave me and the standing ovation. That was so unexpected and brought tears to my eyes. The board and committee members deserved your applause more than I did, but, I did appreciate your kindness.

My theme this year was "Together We Make a Difference." I hope through the newsletters and website/newsflash you were informed with needed information. I think our welcoming committee did a wonderful job on each staff development day in making you feel welcome. The liaison booster gifts and the membership bags were added touches we hope you enjoyed.

National Educational Bosses' Week is May 21-25. If you did not do something special for your boss on October 16th, I encourage you to make this a special week for them.

I look forward to working with Debbie Faires and the new board you elected for next year. I know we will continue to see new and exciting things again next year.

I wish all of you blessings from on high and a happy, healthy remainder of this school year.

Sincerely,

Dianne Lemons

MEPA President 06/07

Calendar of Events

2006-2007

Spring STEM Classes

Business Grammar & Letter Writing

Tuesday and Thursday

May 1 & 3

PDC-Room

4:15-7:15 pm

Basic Communication

Tuesday and Thursday,

April 10 & 12

PDC-Room 211

4:15-7:15 pm

TESA

Summer Work Conference

"Deeply Rooted...Branching Out"

Houston Marriott Westchase

Houston, TX

June 21-24, 2007

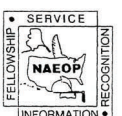
Visit the MEPA Website at:

www.mesquiteisd.org/MEPA

Check out the **NEWS FLASH!** link on the President's page!



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



STEM Classes for Spring

(submitted by Jacque Crouch)

Tuesday/Thursday, May 1 & 3

Business Grammar & Letter Writing

PDC—Room

4:15—7:15 pm

SRN# 27417101

(Must attend both sessions to get credit)

Tuesday/Thursday, April 10 & 12

Basic Communication

PDC—Room 211

4:15—7:15 pm

SRN# 27412301

(Must attend both sessions to get credit)

WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 25 FOR THE CLASSES TO MAKE.

Register for classes in one of two ways:

Online via the Internet: <http://ero.eschoolsolutions.com>; or

Online via the Telephone: 1-877-453-3443

MISD Organization ID: 52564 (If using the phone this number is followed by #)

Your User ID: Social Security Number

Your PIN : The last four digits of your social security number

If you have any questions, please contact Jacque Crouch, STEM Chair at Ext. 7375 or jcrouch@mesquiteisd.org

MEPA Treasurer's Report

Feb. 20, 2007 (submitted by Sherry McCulloch)

MEPA Regular Acct.

Beginning Balance – Jan. 31, 2007**\$11,849.77**
 Total Income**\$69.00**
 Total Expenses**\$2,941.89**
 Balance as of Feb. 20, 2007**\$8,976.88**

MEPA Scholarship Acct.

Balance as of Feb. 20, 2007**\$14,732.37**

MEPA Patty Dunn Scholarship Acct.

Balance as of Feb.. 20, 2007 **\$959.12**

Paraprofessional Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the four MEPA Paraprofessional Scholarship Recipients! There were 15 applicants. Personal information is removed from applications to keep the applicants anonymous. Score sheets with points on certain criteria are used; the same way the student scholarships are chosen. The points were totaled and the four with the highest points were:

Cindy Hurst — Horn High School

Sandra Stewart — Mesquite Academy

Rae Kathleen Fisher (Normand) — Lawrence

Keithia Hernandez — PDC Information Technology

Congratulations to these people, we appreciate everyone who applied. The Board worked very hard to make this process as fair as possible to everyone.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

LIAISONS: What a terrific year I have had presiding over membership. It has been a great learning experience. The Liaisons have made my job much easier. Thank you, Liaisons, for your input at our Liaison meeting, distributing information, taking part in fund-raisers, and encouraging the members at your site. I hope the extra goodies from our Liaison Booster, Jennifer Lamb, have let you know just how valuable you are to MEPA and me.

MEMBERS: Thank you for your part in our membership reaching 527. The tote bags were a huge success. You can look forward to another member incentive next year. Member involvement is the key to our organization. If you are interested in serving on a Committee next year, please contact Debbie Faires at DFaires@mesquiteisd.org or call Ext. 7321.

BANQUET: We had 193 reservations for the banquet. One hundred seventy-four were members (30 of which were Liaisons), 9 non-members, 8 retirees, and 2 guests.

THANK YOU: I appreciate the opportunity to serve you again next year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at CDGregory@mesquiteisd.org or call Ext. 7702.

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Scholarship Recipients

This years scholarship recipients will receive \$750 each, thanks to the hard work of all MEPA members who participated in the Holiday Bazaar. The Patty Dunn scholarship recipient will receive the remaining balance of \$959.12, this will close out that scholarship account. This year's recipients are:

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| Courtney Kilgore |  | Horn High School |
| Natalie Duran | | Horn High School |
| Jose Olmedo | | Mesquite High School |
| Kristin Aguilar | | Mesquite High School |
| Anessa Martel | | North Mesquite High School |
| Klayton Benbrook | | North Mesquite High School |
| Danielle Gandy | | Patty Dunn – North Mesquite HS |
| Preston Cole Bailey | | Poteet High School |
| Jim Waters | | Poteet High School |
| Trista Rayborn | | West Mesquite High School |
| Julieta Tellez | | West Mesquite High School |
| Clifford Jones | | Mesquite Academy |