History of Johnson County Congress of Parents and Teachers

The Kansas Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers held an organizational meeting April 2nd, 1921 at Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. E. R. Weeks of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. S. R. Williams of Kansas City, Kansas were elected to serve on this committee. These women helped Johnson County Schools to organize. South Park organized in 1921; Merriam in 1925; Shawnee in 1926; Overland Park in 1920.

In order to strengthen the PTA's the Shawnee Mission PTA Council was formed in 1922 by the following PTA units, Merriam, South Park and Shawnee.

Shawnee Mission organized a Friends Club shortly after it was built in 1922 which was later turned into a PTA in 1930.

The Johnson County Congress of Parents and Teachers was organized in 1928. Mrs. George Davis of Merriam had been appointed to organize Johnson County Schools in 1928. Two schools had started in Olathe. The presidents of the schools were on the committee to help organize the Johnson County Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The Shawnee Mission PTA Council was consolidated with the Johnson County PTA Council in September 1933.

Johnson County PTA Council was changed to the name Shawnee Mission Area Council of P. T. A. in 1960.

The year served and name of all Presidents are listed below: Please add to this list each year names of those so honored.

* denotes deceased

Shawnee Mission PTA Council formed in 1922

1922-1924 Mrs. X. O. Meyer
1924-1925 Mrs. E. H. Headley *
1925-1926 Mrs. Reginald Miller
1926-1927 Mrs. Emil Luenberger *
1927-1928 Mrs. E. H. Wharton
1928-1929 Mrs. Charles E. Clark *
1929-1931 Mrs. Ralph Bowser
1931-1932 Mrs. Rosa Trager *(instrumental in furnishing the above)

Johnson County Council of PTA formed in 1928

1928-1930 Mrs. H. E. Mossman
1930-1932 Mrs. Charles E. Clark *
1931-1932 Mrs. V. C. Hainline (finished Mrs. Clark's term) *
1932-1933 Mrs. V. C. Hainline *
1933-1935 Mrs. Rosa Trager *
1935-1937 Mrs. C. J. Mayer *
1937-1939 Mrs. C. C. Seibert *
1939-1940 Mrs. C. E. Woodman
1940-1941 Mrs. John W. Irwin
1941-1943 Mrs. J. W. Fristie
1943-1945 Mrs. Harold Reade
1945-1946 Mrs. Audley Porter
1946-1948 Mrs. W. C. Arrowsmith
1948-1949 Mrs. A. T. Steegmann
1949-1950 Mrs. John House
1950-1952 Mrs. Walter Keller