

Meridian Park PTSA
General Meeting
May 7, 2011

Action items are in bold

Call to order:

The board meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in Jersey's at 7:17 pm by PTSA co-president Kathy Henderson. Members had been informed about the meeting through letters sent home in the boomerangs, and through PTSA and school web sites. Those present were: Dixie Yamane, Kathy Tinoco, Janina Pacunski, Aileen Lu, Amy Jessee, Mary Crandell, Rachel Ariss, Gretchen Atkinson, Renee Smith and Amy Grady, Patty Sanders and Mary Loes.

Welcome and Introductions:

Kathy H. welcomed everyone and no introductions were necessary

Secretary's Report:

Amy G. made a motion to approve the April 2011 minutes as written. This was seconded by Dixie. None were opposed and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Aileen reported that the Box Tops program has done very well. We recently received a check in the amount of \$220.20. No one at the table knew who was handling the Box Tops.

Renee Smith put a note in the Box Tops receptacle in hopes of identifying who is filling that position for us.

The recent Scholastic Book Fair did better than the projected budget. Aileen suggested that two bank runs be done next year. One prior to the Open House event and one afterward. She also suggested having coin rolls at the school to make the whole deposit process easier.

There are two people that have not submitted their reimbursement requests for their grants. The Read-a-Thon has brought in over \$4,000.

Mary C. asked for clarification of the Family Services Supplies line item. After discussion, it was agreed that this is the line item to be used by the Family Advocate to help families in need.

President's Report:

Kathy H. reminded us we are still in need of a Vice President of Events for next year. There was some discussion as to whether or not this needs to be a VP position. The possibility of having different Chairs for the different events was talked about. Mary C. stated the position was created at a VP in order to have one person oversee all the different events and ideas that inevitably arise to make them run smoother.

Other positions that are still vacant are: Fundraising Chair, Legislative Chair. It was mentioned that Marianne Stephens or Suzanne Gugger might be interested in providing us information through their involvement as Einstein Middle School's Legislative Chairs. It was also suggested that Luann Majeed may be a person to contact about this position.

Kathy H reviewed the upcoming calendar of events which include: May 19 – teacher lead volunteer tea; May 23 - 5th grade band/orchestra concert and camp information night for next year's 6th graders; May 25 – school assembly with Wizard of Oz sneak preview; May 26 and 27 – Wizard of Oz performances at Shorecrest High School; May 27 – Walk-a-Thon; June 3 – Field Day and Mariner's

Night.

Regarding the Mariner's tickets: 154 tickets have been sold totally \$2156. We paid \$1694 for a profit of \$462. In the past, the tickets have been distributed with the assistance of Roxie and Jill. This year, Susan Duthweiler will send out a notice in the May 11 Boomerang alerting families that she will be in the front lobby on May 12 and 13 after school, until 4pm if they want to pick up their tickets. Those that are not able to come to the school for pick up will need to send a signed portion of the notice back to school allowing the PTSA to send the tickets home with the students.

Kathy announced the retirement of two staff members at the end of this school year: Donna Allred, nurse and Christine Von Hoffmann, kindergarten teacher. Amy J. also mentioned that Mary Jeppeson, developmental kindergarten teacher will also be retiring. They will be invited to the June 6 district event. The PTSA has \$200 in the Sunshine Fund and will use those funds to get a card and/or small token for our retirees.

Our last meeting of the 2010-2011 school year will be on Tuesday, June 7 in the cafeteria. This will be our Volunteer Recognition Event. We will try to make sure all PTSA volunteers receive an invitation to this event.

Dixie will spearhead getting volunteers invited

Amy G. will make sure all PTSA liaisons are invited

Janina will invite all club leaders

Kathy H. mentioned that some of the camp fundraising throughout the different grade levels was a little unclear. Dates for next year will be cemented into the calendar so they can be better coordinated.

Due to construction at Shorecrest throughout the next year, Kathy H. is working to get the Shoreline Center for the 2012 talent show. The talent show will be moved up earlier in the calendar to January 2012. The Walk-a-Thon will take place in September 2011 instead of at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

The Car Show will be taking place on Sunday, July 31. Holly DeGrazia is chairing this event. Renee is working with Holly and Marty to make sure PTSA is selling refreshments.

Amy J. will talk to Dan Dalziel about coming to the June meeting to discuss the construction project taking place at MP over the summer

Standing Committee Reports:

Communications:

Mary C. said there are some great photos of the playground equipment that will be installed along with the construction project. Some of these will be included in the newsletter. The deadline for Cheetah Chatter submissions is next Wednesday, May 11 and the Chatter will be published the following Wednesday, May 18. There was some discussion about changing the publication date of the Chatter and it was decided that the 2011-2012 school year will be a pilot to combine the Chatter with the MP Messenger. Mary C. stated we have increased the number of Chatter's printed from 600 to 800. Mary would like to incorporate the new logo and it was decided that the color MP with the cheetah will be the "standard" logo design for publications.

Legislation:

There were no updates.

Membership:

There were no updates

PTSA Liaisons:

Amy G. reported that next week there will be a staff appreciation event on May 11, sponsored by the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. She sent an e-mail out to all liaisons to let their classrooms know that any in class appreciation should happen next week.

Amy G. also reported that Highland Terrace is holding their art walk on May 13. This will include a power point presentation from their PTSA and how parents can get involved. Amy J. asked if we might get a copy of it.

Amy G. will look into getting a copy of Highland Terrace's power point presentation

Family Services/The WORKS:

Janina reported, on Tracey Poole's behalf, that this month's collection is for shampoo and conditioner

Vice President Updates:

Fundraising:

Kathy T. reported the yearbook is completed and has been submitted to the printer. She suggested that next year, it might work better to split the students into smaller groups that meet at different times throughout the year.

Kathy T. has been working with the company to get school supplies. There has been an issue in getting the lists to print correctly but that should be fixed soon. Once the lists are printed, Kathy will get them to the teachers for their approval. She's hoping this will be done the end of May or the first part of June.

Events:

Renee reported that she sent out an abbreviated list of events for people to review. She is starting to get responses of what people may want to help out with.

Renee questioned who was in charge of the Welcome Coffee at the beginning of the new school year. Mary C. responded that it is a PTSA driven event.

The Back-to-School BBQ will be chaired by Todd Crandell next year.

Volunteers:

Patty stated that there should be some sort of sign ups at the Back-to-School BBQ and the Welcome Coffees. Aileen will work to figure out what needs to be done for recruitment of volunteers during these events.

Teacher Representative Report:

Mary Loes reported the feedback from the science assembly was amazing.

Principal's Report:

Amy J. said the teacher feedback regarding the art docent program was 90% positive. The upper grades would prefer to have the lessons somehow link with their studies. Renee said that is something they are working on for next year. The hope is that at least one lesson will be in line with the current classroom studies. Renee also stated that the art docents will be meeting on May 23 to finalize the art lesson plans for next year. \$500 was raised from the silent auction.

Amy J. reported that the staffing shuffle for next year has begun. There will not be as many

classrooms next year as there were this year. Things are still in flux and decisions are in process.

Amy J. announced that the staff/6th grade volleyball game will be happening at the end of May.

New Business:

Gretchen Atkinson from the Neighborhood Association presented information regarding Embrace Shoreline this coming Saturday, May 14. The work on the grounds will be from 9 am until 12 noon. She stated there will be \$500 worth of plants to get in the ground. The beds near the lunchroom will be getting two 12 ft. flowering plum trees and some other shrubs. Mark Tambouljian was able to get a great deal on plants through Home Depot – 20% below wholesale. Gretchen reported that the money for the plants came from the leftover flea market account (\$300) and from the school (\$200).

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9L05 pm.

Janina Pacunski, VP Programs