

**Meridian Park PTSA  
Board Meeting  
December 7, 2010**

**Action Items are in bold**

Call to order:

The board meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park library at 7:10 PM by PTSA co-president Dixie Yamane. Members had been informed about the meeting through letters sent home in the boomerangs, and through PTSA and school websites. Those present were: Emmanuel Gnanapragasam, Annie Gage, Kathy Tinoco, Dixie Yamane, Rachel Ariss, Lindsey Amtmann, Mary Crandell, Aileen Lu, Amy Jessee, and Mary Loes

Secretary's Report

November 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Since it has been decided that the Flea Market has been cancelled, \$500 line item budget for this event can be reallocated. There is \$6400 in excess funds. Will be moving accounts from Shoreline Bank to Key Bank over the winter break

President's Report

There was a discussion of allocation of excess funds. There is an urgency to move on this issue. The group took a few minutes to brainstorm ideas on what to put on the table. It was also decided that Kathy Henderson, Dixie Yamane, Brian Heagler and Amy Jessee would be part of the group that would decide on allocation of these funds. The following items were discussed and were to be put on the table for getting use of excess funds.

- Author Program
- Book It Program
- 4 Way Basketball hoop
- A Playground item (Amy Jessee mentioned that ASB funds could be used to match for playground item purchases)
- 1 additional field trip for every classroom
- 20 different canvas prints – Art Legacy

Lindsey Amtmann presented a brief description on the Book-It program. This program takes literature and rewrites it into a play. This will help in the Performing Arts and foster a learning of love to read. Workshops can be done for 35 students; usually given to class that reads the most. Workshop can be done in gyms, classroom, etc. No other volunteers are needed. The cost is \$575/performance; each additional workshop is \$100. It was decided that we would be allocating funds from the assembly line item for the Book It program.

Mary Crandell started a discussion about Parents Night Out which is run by Ron & Elaine from the aftercare program. The next Parents Night Out (PNO) is Dec. 17, 2010 from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for siblings. Money from PNO would go to buy things for the after care program. Shoreline Children's Center can no longer sponsor this program because of liability issues. Mary would like to see if we can have the PNO event covered under our insurance. PTA Council has approved this to be covered under our insurance. Other schools in Shoreline will be doing the same as well. The PNO would be under Janina's responsibility. Money in and out will be kept similar to bookfair. Will need to keep track of their own budget. Need to decide this is what we want to move

forward with. Mary voted to move forward with PTSA to be non-monetary sponsor of PNO. Rachel moved and Dixie seconded the motion.

Kathy Tinoco reported that the student directory is moving forward. The directories will be sent to Sam's Press next week. Key Bank to sponsor the directories.

Fitness Night is scheduled for April 5, 2011 which is during the 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp. As a result, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will not be doing a circus performance.

Meridian Park Arts Festival that was originally scheduled for May 5, 2011 will be moved May 3, 2011.

Walk A Thon scheduled for May 20; will be considered to move to the fall of next year.

Rachel Ariss gave an update on her meeting with the Healthy Lifestyles Committee. There will be a move to the Central Kitchen at Hamlin Park. Our school has a warming kitchen. Calorie counts will be posted in lunch line so that students can see how many calories they're consuming. Hope to get \$0.06 more per student from government. Taste testing for Asian Chicken Salad will be rolled out. Amy Jessee noted that if a child part of 3<sup>rd</sup> lunch some kids are not getting their entrée of choice.

#### Communication Reports

Mary Crandell reported that Dec 8, 2010 is a newsletter deadline

#### Creative Writing Class

Annie Gage presented a proposal for putting on a after school Creative Writing Class. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade session; and a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade session. This will be for people who enjoy writing. There will be 2 ten week sessions for an hour and 15 minutes to be offered on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Kathy moved to approve the Creative Writing Class at the January general meeting.

#### Vice President's Report

Clubs are running smoothly. Yearbook Club is full. **Kathy will e-mail list of students to Janina.**

Kathy gave an update on the Backpack Fundraising sale. The school supplies will be customized for each grade level. Cost of the supplies will run between \$35 - \$65/grade. There will be a 6% discount if we sign up this week. Discount will drop to 5% if later than this week.

#### Committee Reports

PTSA Liaisons – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be baking cookies for Teacher Appreciation on Tuesday 12/14/2010

Membership enrollment at 203; We have received donations of \$1,575.

#### Principal's Report

Kinderfest scheduled for January 13, 2011; Kindergarten tours will be conducted between 9:30 – 10:30. Would appreciate it if we could have a PTSA representative at the tours.

YADA assembly in February. It cannot serve everyone from K-6. Talent Show will be moved to January in 2012. Staff development will be about building academic vocabulary.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Aileen Lu, Co-Treasurer