

Meridian Park PTSA  
Board Meeting  
December 1, 2009

**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 7:04 PM by PTSA President Brian Heagler . Members had been informed about the meeting through newsletters sent home in the boomerang and through PTSA and school websites. Those present were: Gretchen Atkinson, Martin DeGrazia, Holly DeGrazia, Amy Stensrud, Brian Heagler, Mary Crandell, Mary Loes, Lorraine Flaherty, Kathy Tinoco, Patty Saunders, Aileen Lu and Amy Jessee.

Secretary's report :

Meeting minutes for November 3, 2009 were approved as written.

Vice President Updates and Committee Reports :

Brian stated that the fall fundraiser made \$6882, and including all fundraisers so far this year we are only behind by \$860. He mentioned that a lot of people are choosing to donate directly. Readathon is coming up in early January.

Gretchen Aktinson, the President of the Meridian Park Neighborhood Association , would like the PTSA to join in the Flea Market in May, most likely on 5/22/10. Stalls will be marked off in the parking lot and rent for \$10. Families can sign up to rent space and sell whatever they want. The \$10 fee will be used to raise money for plants for the front of the school. Gretchen also suggested that we consider doing a plant sale the same day as an additional fundraiser. Amy S. mentioned that last year the plant sale was before Mother's day.

**Brian will talk with Renee about the plant sale timing.**

Gretchen said that the PTSA will need to help out on that day, with 10-20 volunteers needed. She also suggested a bake sale to raise further money for the PTSA.

Publicity for the Flea Market was discussed. Lorraine mentioned that one of the news stations now has a Shoreline news webpage. Mary C. mentioned Craig's list and other websites.

**Lorraine will look into which station has the web page and whether they take community announcements . (Done – it is shoreline.komonews.com).**

Discussed the pros and cons of a Saturday vs Sunday event.

**Amy S. and Patty will look into having the 5<sup>th</sup> graders selling food and or drinks to raise money for 2011 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.**

**Lorraine will email Pamela Willoughby about having circus arts kids perform throughout the festival.**

**Gretchen will contact Mary C. re: publicity for the Flea Market.**

Gretchen also gave a MP school landscaping update. There have been a lot of problems with hot weather and keeping up with the watering. There is a sprinkler system but it is broken. The district does

not currently have a plan to fix them. The Neighborhood Association has some volunteers willing to fix and pay for some of the materials, but the district also has to fix part of it for this to work. School board member David Wilson has been helping Gretchen work on getting cooperation from the district. She has also been in touch with Superintendent Walker.

Gretchen also mentioned that there will be changes to the parking lot in January.

Brian stated that the PTSA will support the Flea Market.

Martin DeGrazia presented his idea for a Classic Car Show at MP on August 1, 2010. He will need lots of volunteers. He is hoping to get sponsors to cover the costs of putting on the show, so the money paid for entry by each car will go directly to the PTSA. He is hoping to have 200 cars.

**Patty and Amy S. will look into another possible fundraiser for 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp at the Car Show.**

Marty has secured both parking lots, parking for visitors will be at the Children's center and entered cars will park at MP. He is going to try to make this an annual event.

Brian asked Patty to try to identify a PTSA point person for the Flea Market and the Car Show. Lorraine volunteered to serve this role for the Flea Market.

**Lorraine will email Amy Grady about putting volunteering for the Flea Market and Car show on the next volunteer sign up sheet. She will cc Amy J.**

**Marty will email Mary C. something about this for the Cheetah Chatter.**

**Patty will start looking for someone to be point person for the Car show.**

Mary C. and Patty discussed ways to recruit volunteers. Marty discussed finding sponsors. Mary C. mentioned the upcoming deadline for the newsletter.

**Gretchen will email Mary C. something about the Flea Market for the Cheetah Chatter.**

Brian mentioned that the yearbook club had 35 applicants for 24 spots. A lottery was used, selecting some from each grade. It will start this Friday.

Patty mentioned that the next staff appreciation event will be a cookie exchange on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will host an event in February.

Kathy Tinoco gave the membership report. We got 8 new members since the last meeting. Kathy also read a note aloud that accompanied a donation to the PTSA.

Amy S. gave a summary report on the Fall Carnival. This written report will be included in the minutes notebook. Gretchen suggested trying to coordinate this event more with the MPNA next year, and also giving more of a description of what the person is volunteering for. The group briefly discussed ways of increasing involvement in the PTSA. Mary C. mentioned that next year there will be a new parent orientation. Lorraine suggested having some social time at PTSA meetings.

#### Financial Report :

Brian and Aileen explained that we need to reallocate \$50 from Misc to PE. Pamela had a donation that came in specifically to buy hockey sticks but the check was made out to the PTSA. Lorraine made a motion to reallocate this money, it was seconded by Amy S. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion was carried.

**Amy J. will forward grants email to staff again. (Completed at meeting).**

Teacher Representative Report :

Mary L. mentioned that there was some confusion among the staff regarding the food drive and how things will be tracked. There have also been some questions about the readathon, specifically concerning honesty and competitiveness. Mary L. suggested considering a group win rather than an individual win, including a special classroom award, for example a member of the Seahawks coming into the class to read a story. Kathy mentioned that there are some left over small gifts from the fall fundraiser in the PTSA room.

**Brian will talk with Tracey Poole to clarify food drive questions.**

**Brian will talk with Melanie Gillespie re: readathon details.**

Principal's Report :

Amy J. discussed grants, increasing awareness regarding the levy. The group discussed the January PTSA meeting when someone from the district will be presenting on this. We discussed how to get more people to the meeting, perhaps using incentives like food or childcare. We discussed helping with voter registration and whether it would be possible for us to collect ballots or if someone could donate stamps to be left in the front office.

**Amy J. will be in touch with Suzanne Gugger re: levy issues.**

**Brian will look into moving the January meeting from 1/5 to 1/12.**

New Business :

Kathy mentioned that we will need some new people to help with the Golden Acorn awards.

Adjournment :

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Lorraine M. Flaherty, secretary