

February 1, 2010  
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Meeting  
Minutes

**Call to order:**

Meeting called to order by Tricia Bosco at 7:09 PM.

**Present:** Laura Coleman, Shelly Wickwire, Janet Boulware, Tracie Bezerra, Trista Pandeleos, Charla Kordana, Catherine Brooks, Rebecca Keller, Amanda Walsh, Gayle Murray, Liz Shorts, Stacy Lovitt, Tricia Bosco, Susan Rivera

**I. Welcome**

- Tricia Bosco called the meeting to order at 7:09.
- Went around the room and made introductions.

**II. Special Guests**

- Janet Boulware—from Davis Bridge Foundation
  - Serve low income children performing below grade level, ~ 100 kids a day just at MME
  - This year have had difficulty getting grants—site council paying for site coordinators (~3k a year)... have almost 40 tutors. Program will close in April (after raising about 1 more month of funding).
    - Would need another \$40k to make it through the end of the year (an estimated \$3-\$5k of that would be just for Montgomery)
  - Foundation needs about \$121k that they raise—matching grant from UCD for \$171,000 that pays the tutors (that piece is secure)
  - After School Academics and Safety program (ASAS) state funds, prop 49 –Plan to submit grant for \$112k a year
  - Discussed ways in which PTA could potentially help with fund raising for Bridge or to help the Bridge families directly; e.g., soliciting donations for "start of the year packages" that would include school supplies, etc.

**III. New Business**

- Tracie Bezerra volunteered to go to the *Educational Leadership Roundtable*—Thursday @ Pioneer (Trish is not able to go)
- Trish updated us on some of the discussions that took place at the last meeting—some discussions in the district about the fairness of site-specific fund raising

**IV. Approvals**

Meeting Minutes- Susan Rivera read minutes from last meeting (December 7, 2009). Liz Shorts made a motion to ratify January's minutes and Gayle Murray seconded. Motion was passed.

## V. Member Reports

- A. Treasurer Gayle Murray: submitted treasurer's report. Budget looks good.  
Tracie Bezerra moved to approve check disbursements report, Catherine Brooks seconded. Motion passed. Unanimous approval.
- B. Shelly Wickwire
- Spoke again about RTT (race to the top)...
  - Obama is due to come out with a skeleton of modifications to No Child Left Behind. Wants to get rid of "every child will be proficient" and replacing it with a "progress model"
    - Will be assessing standards country-wide
    - Want to say every child will be college or career-ready by graduation
  - Reported on ELAC meeting last week. 19 families came. Talked about interfacing with other organizations at the school, especially PTA. Very frightened about losing Bridge.
    - Trish suggested that PTA could help support a fundraiser that *they* organized.
  - Jump Rope was fairly successful. Not that much money raised, but kids enjoyed.
  - Qualification for GATE—numbers look about like last year (~15-20 qualified from MME)
- C. Trista Pandeleos: No report. PTA asked Trista for teachers' feedback on Missoula Children's Theatre
- D. Tracy Bezzerra, Communications. No report. Will send Round Up out via email tonight
- E. Community Events (Ali Gosende not present).
- Family Science night: Trish asked UCD Chemistry Club to come and do the "Picnic Day" Chemistry Show as a "practice" March 8<sup>th</sup>—Book Fair kick-off. Must be done outside—will do near the covered picnic tables.
  - Bingo Night: Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- F. Amanda Walsh: Fundraising.
- Amanda would like to find another person to coordinate Innisbrook. (Sold \$11,000, netted \$5,000, last year)
    - Suggestion: Have money go to Walker Creek—have 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents take it over??
    - "Earth Day"... Natural products, etc. Another alternative to Innisbrook
  - Still waiting to hear back from Tai Kwon Do instructor who had a family emergency
- G. Rebecca Keller: Book Fair

- Shelley Wong has agreed to be chair for Book Fair. Barb Freedman says she'll do it with her. (Have agreed to "try out" Spring and see how it goes.)
  - Scholastic has "congratulated" us on our job in the fall. Assures us we will have priority for upcoming fairs.

H. Charla Kordana: Auction

- Auction catalogs went out today. Pdf of live auction items coming out
- Volunteers needed for setup on Saturday, meet at MME at 9:30

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

- Still need volunteers to cook for hospitality for Spring (week of Book Fair).
  - Amanda will organize request to put into RoundUp
- Outdoor Ed (Walker Creek) Committee. Trish needs someone to sit on this committee which would coordinate with Willet.
  - Trish will send out a flyer to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents (and will talk about them possibly taking over Innisbrook)
- Next PTA meeting: March 1

**VII. Adjournment-** Tricia Bosco adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by Susan Rivera**