

October 5, 2009
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Meeting
Minutes

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Tricia Bosco at 7:05 PM.

Present: Trish Bosco, Debra Ries, Amy Brugger, Amanda Walsh, Ali Gosende, Gayle Murray, Peggy Traverso, Fran Leistikow, Amy Teaford, Trista Pandeleos, Tracie Bezerra, Liz Shorts, Stacy Lovitt, Rachel Riely, Rebecca Keller, Sarah Neville-Morgan, Millie Barajas, Lauren Brandy, Shelly Wickwire (SW), Susan Rivera

I. Welcome

- ◆ Tricia Bosco called the meeting to order.
- ◆ Went around the room and made introductions

II. Approvals

Meeting Minutes- Susan Rivera read minutes from last meeting (September 14, 2009). Amanda Walsh made a motion to ratify February's minutes and Ali Gosende seconded. Motion was passed.

Ratify Check Disbursements- Tracie Bezerra moved to approve check disbursements Liz Shorts seconded. Motion was passed.

Treasurer submitted report.

- Gave teachers classroom funds
- Income ~3,000, spent \$12,000

Request:

- **Amy Teaford** asked that we make a donation for more "free reading" books for the 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms, reading room and language lab. Approximately \$1900 altogether.
- Discussed the fact that the other class levels don't seem to need these books to the same degree.
- Trish expressed the point that we (the PTA) liked this kind of request that is for the school more generally rather than just one classroom.
- PTA was (unanimously, by show of hands) in support of this, but discussed the fact that we can't change the budget until January (because we don't already have a line item for this).
 - PTA will look into how we can do this (before January)

III. Member Reports

Principal (Shelly Wickwire)

- Has \$1700, but needs more than that to cover music program
- Cultural Storytelling Through the Arts: high-quality program--artists in residence. 9 hours per classroom

- Buck foundation will contribute \$5k, \$1800 from Yolo County Arts council. Matching funds needed from PTA: \$20,000 or \$17,000 (with 2nd grade removed)
- Trista P. mentioned that the drawing portion (in her classroom) was not that effective...
- PTA asked Shelly to see if they would pare down the program further to lower the costs.
- Getting “Art Ark”: a travelling trailer with docent on board. Next Monday. (Normally costs \$5k, free to us this year.)
- Discussion ensued about MUSIC: last few years PTA has generally assessed how the music program was the prior year and then made decisions about funding
 - This year, decided to fund Missoula Theatre, and then *some* music:
 - *Mindy Manville*: \$4,000 (SI: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, English: 2nd through 5th grades)
 - *Linda Book*: \$2,600 (K and 1st graders, 6 week session)
 - No music: 6th grade (doing drama...)
- Was suggested that we look into an after school choral program
- Proposal (Amy Brugger): ask the teachers to make a decision *at each grade level* what they want to do for performing arts for the coming year, and the PTA will try to allocate funding accordingly
- **Program Improvement:** Under this, students in low-performing schools (MME, this year) have option to travel to another school. District has to hold back 20% of title I money to potentially fund this transportation...
 - District is continuing to fund after school programs and Write Institute
 - Migrant worker children come here in April and test in May... Shelly would like to find a way they could have the same teacher throughout their time here (rather than having 3 different teachers between April and October).
- District forming group for closing the achievement gap... interested parties can sign up to participate

Teachers (Trista Pandeleos)

- ◆ Promoting the school website (encouraging people to check it out)... IDEAS: posting website address in the newsletter and Pony Express; computer in front office that parents could log on to
- ◆ Gayle reminded Trista that each teacher got \$20 per student this year for classroom money (an increase from last year)
- ◆ 6th grade teachers wanted some help from parents to start fundraising for Walker Creek (now doing: car wash, Halloween PNO)... Walker Creek costs: bus=\$3000, Walker Creek =\$17,000—Can PTA help by creating auction item, etc?

VP Communications-(Tracie Bezerra)

- ◆ List serve: parents have to click to verify participation. Tracie will take email addresses from directory and add them to list serve.
- ◆ Spanish version will no longer sent through email

VP Community Events-(Ali Gosende)

- ◆ International Book Fair “Read Around the World”
 - Dance troupe will do 5 different dances around the world
 - African dancer will also come
 - No food at book fair (just snacks—ACCESS may be willing to do this)
- ◆ Gift Mart (Nov 14): having a hard time finding vendors... Amanda will try the Davis Enterprise.
 - Need help decorating and doing cashiering. To volunteer call/email Liz Shorts.

VP Fundraising (Amanda Walsh)

- ◆ Innisbrook grossed \$10,200, will net about \$5,000 (hit our target)—only about 115 families participated
- ◆ Woodstock’s Pizza—talk this fund raiser up to families, every Wednesday in October—get 20% of profits (alcohol included)—must bring flyer

Auction (Amy Brugger):

- Feb. 6th—earlier this year. Especially need solicitors
 - Have classroom art done before holiday break (Liz: grades 4-6; Lauren and Stacy: grades K-3)
 - Shelley Wong will work on classroom donations with room reps. Try to have donations squared away before the holidays. Amy and Charla will arrange meeting with room reps.
 - Still need reps for teachers: Berry, Borge, Defty and Raney

IV. **Unfinished Business:** none

V. **Adjournment-** Tricia Bosco adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Rivera