

September 14, 2009
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Meeting
Minutes

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Trish Bosco at 8:08 PM.

Present: Trish Bosco, Shelly Wickwire (SW), Susan Rivera, Stephanie Rubenstein, Eloisa Klementich, Amanda Walsh, Megan Blewett, Jamie Anderson, Melinda Grow, Rachel Riely, Stacy Lovitt, Trista Pandeleos, Amy Brugger, Charla Kordana, Tracie Bezerra, Andrienne Meredith, Catherine Brooks, Ali Gosende, Amy Lemmo, Millie Barajas, Shelley Wong, Liz Shorts, Lauren Brandy, Rebecca Keller, Fran Leistikow, Mary McIntyre

I. Welcome

- ◆ Trish Bosco called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Explained the function of the PTA.
- ◆ Went around the room and made introductions
- ◆ Forms passed out: PTA membership form, PTA volunteer form, PTA leadership
- ◆ Talked about kindergarten orientation (done for the first time this year)... SW talked about possible things to do differently next year.
 - ◆ Talked about North Davis (and Patwin) method of having people turn in all of their paperwork and when they turn it in they get their placement. Booths could distribute information (e.g., PTA)
 - ◆ Back to school night picnic...more adult supervision in the MPR... next year kids will stay in MPR whole time

II. Approvals

Meeting Minutes- Susan Rivera read minutes from last meeting (May 4, 2009). Liz Shorts made a motion to ratify February's minutes and Tracie Bezerra seconded. Motion was passed.

Ratify Check Disbursements- no checks were issued as of Aug 31, 2009.

Treasurer submitted report. No questions were brought up.

Auditor (Amy Brugger) examined the financial records and found them to be completely correct. Records will be sent to California PTA.

Ali Gosende moved to approve the auditors report, Stephanie Rubenstein seconded.

Financial Report

- ◆ Discussed individual items:

- Missoula Children’s Theatre—slated the week of January 18th. Auditions will start Tuesday. Show (Snow White and the Seven Dwarves) will run through the weekend. \$3100
- Choral Music Program (\$5306). Would be good to change up the offerings some. Mindy Manville will do some, Linda Book at the lower grades.
- Upped our classroom teacher funds

Eloisa made a motion to approve the budget, Amy Brugger seconded. Unanimous approval.

III. Member Reports

Principal (Shelly Wickwire)

- ◆ Thanked PTA for support.
- ◆ API and AYP accountability scores will be published tomorrow after 9am. Everything Shelly has seen thinks we will not fare as well with our SES disadvantaged children as hoped.
 - The FIRST START English learners pilot: First year: direct services to students by specialists. Second year: teachers delivering instructions.
 - Big shift in our demographic: 50% of incoming children are English learners (20 language groups). Lower grades: between 1/3 and 1/2, in 4-6 closer to 10%
 - Native English speakers maintaining strong scores.
- ◆ Evidence of success for Universal Access (Write Institute)
- ◆ Will look at scores in more depth at Site Council information night
- ◆ Beautification:
 - Kinder Mural: Julianne Bianco (artist) has drafted
 - Will finish the “world” near the office
 - Replace wooden numbers (on buildings) with metal numbers
 - Remove rose bushes and replace with covered sand box

Teachers (Trista Pandeleos)

- ◆ Teachers gave generally favorable reviews of back to school night... the period was perhaps a bit short, and some parents had younger children with them in the room, which was awkward.
- ◆ Trista asks that we inform her of what information we want her to bring from the staff
 - Trish asked Trista to think about grade-level enrichment projects that they could ask the PTA

VP Communications-(Tracie Bezerra)

- ◆ Have changed to 1 paper issue at the beginning of the month, other 3 newsletters will be via email (asking for feedback on this as the school year progresses)

- attempt will be made to determine what percentage of parents do not have access to the internet
- suggestion to POST a printed copy of the newsletter around the wings and at CDC

VP Community Events-(Ali Gosende)

- ◆ Next event is book fair. Theme is “Read Around the World”.
Wednesday Nov. 18th
 - Talked about selling of tamales (ELAC group?) and Korean pastries
 - Will start ahead of conference week and run a little bit longer this year.
- ◆ Craft Night. Dec. 2. Volunteers needed. Decided to have fewer crafts of highest quality.

VP Fundraising (Amanda Walsh)

- ◆ Innisbrook is first fundraiser. Online goes up tomorrow and goes through 9/29.
 - Amanda encourages everyone to enter their own orders in online.
 - Go to EZ ORDER to enter your own orders to be delivered here. (You pay when you turn in the order form.) Go to ONLINE ORDER for out of town families or if you have more than \$75 in orders and wish to have it directly delivered (for free)
 - Cannot do food orders online.
- ◆ Gift Mart Nov 14, will last longer (until ~6pm) Local vendors sell and we get a portion of their sales. Last year we made ~\$2k.
 - A few volunteers will be needed for this
- ◆ Auction (co-chaired by Amy Brugger and Charla Kordana). Saturday February 6th. Vegas Theme: “Montgomery Royale, All in for MME”
 - Many volunteers needed for this event
 - Meeting for those who wish to volunteer will be announced

Treasurer (Gayle Murray): not present. No report necessary.

IV. **Unfinished Business:** none

V. **New Business:**

- ◆ Looking for volunteer to coordinate up the Missoula theatre project
- ◆ Melinda Grows volunteered to coordinate Farmer’s Market carousel.
- ◆ Stephanie Rubenstein organizing a committee for by-laws review
- ◆ Forming a hospitality committee (food and snacks for the teachers during conference weeks, teacher appreciation, etc.)
- ◆ Rebecca Keller needs volunteers for book fair
- ◆ This Wednesday morning we are cleaning out the “PTA room”
- ◆ School pictures are on Friday (9/18) volunteers needed... volunteers get “Package C” pictures for free

- ◆ Parent Education (\$300 allocated): Pioneer parent interested in collaborating to bring in speakers:
 - First: DJUSD math specialist talking about the new math curriculum.. September 21st at Pioneer.
- ◆ October 30 (Friday before Halloween) 6th graders hosting event in the MPR

VI. Adjournment- adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Rivera