

Meridian Park PTSA
Board Meeting
February 2, 2010

Action items are in bold

Call to order:

The board meetings of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park library at 7:05 PM by PTSA President Brian Heagler. Members had been informed about the meeting through telephone calls, and through PTSA and school websites. Those present were : Suzanne Gugger, Melanie Gillespie, Tracey Poole, Mary Crandell, Kathy Henderson, Janina Pacunski, Brian Heagler, Emmanuel Gnanapragasam, Patty Sanders, Aileen Lu, Kathy Tinoco, Beth Paul, Mary Loes and Lorraine Flaherty.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting minutes for January 5, 2010 were approved as written.

Elect Nominating Committee :

Brian announced that Kathy T. and Beth agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Open positions were discussed. Melanie will continue to do grants and she wants someone to shadow her. Brian has a possible contact for legislative chair. Brian suggested that in planning for next year we begin planning far in advance. He is concerned about recruiting leadership. Janina and Mary L. suggested that we talk to primary teachers for recommendations. Mary L. mentioned that the teachers will be holding evening events for each grade level. She suggested that the PTSA send a rep to each of these.

Mary L. will email Brian dates for these events as they become available.

Mary L. will ask staff to send suggestions of parents who could be recruited to Brian via email.

Brian plans to explain more to newcomers who come to PTSA meetings about how the meetings work. Brian suggested that we consider temporarily scaling back on some activities to better fit our volunteer base.

Mary C. made some specific suggestions for different positions for next year. For yearbook she suggested Dan Saito and Jodi Forschmeidt.

Beth will ask Aimee Mainwaring to talk to Dan about this.

Melanie mentioned that she was hoping Jodi would continue to work on grants next year.

Melanie will talk with Jodi about yearbook and/or grants as possibilities for next year.

Brian said he will continue to work on grants.

Mary C. and Mary L. suggested that we offer volunteer opportunities in the evening and that we publicize this.

Mary spoke to Marty about different jobs needed for the car show, including communication and marketing, (mostly pre-event work), registration (pre-event and day of), sponsorship, volunteer organization. Brian suggested that we need someone to be in charge of finding these volunteers. Suzanne suggested that 5th grade parents could get a % of money raised for 6th grade camp if they volunteer. Lorraine mentioned that a food handler's permit is required for selling any food at the Flea

Market or car show. Patty suggested that the best way to recruit people is to call them individually. Mary L. suggested assigning different grades to do different activities and events.

Patty, Amy G. and Brian along with incoming board members will meet in April or May to come up with a list for distributing activities.

Mary C. mentioned that she and Jenny Hannibal will be doing a parent orientation in the fall.

Mary C. made a motion to approve Kathy T. and Beth for the nominating committee. Janina seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion was carried.

Vice President Updates and Committee Reports :

Melanie reported that the grant committee met. Nine applications were received and full or partial funding was given to all. Some money was left over and we may do a mini-grant cycle in the spring. She reviewed which grants were selected, and a written copy will be included with the minutes. Lorraine made a motion to award the grants as recommended. Kathy T. seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Brian asked Mary L. to get feedback from the teachers on the grant process. Melanie would like to find some ways to help teachers brainstorm ideas.

Melanie reported on the readathon. It will finish next week and Melanie and Kathy T. will go through the results. Melanie reported that approximately 200 books were exchanged at the book swap with left-overs going to the library. She had a lot of volunteers for this event, and the idea of having a quarterly book swap was discussed. 45 kids signed up to be student leaders.

Janina reported on Programs. The second session of rec chess has just started and has 15 kids.

Brian mentioned that the next staff appreciation event is on 2/10 and is being done by the 2nd and 3rd graders.

Tracey reported on the Works. 156 bars of soap were collected last month. This month we are collecting socks and in March bloomers and boxers. She is still working on sponsorship for the Works. She and Janina will be doing the Works laundry at school.

Mary C. reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline is 2/3/10.

Suzanne gave the legislative report. The Museum is backing the bond and sent out a postcard in support. Upcoming sign waving at 175th and Meridian – 2/3 and 2/8 – 6:30-8:30 AM and 4-6 PM. Phone lists are available for anyone who would like to call to remind people to vote.

Financial Report :

Aileen stated that 1099s went out, and were funded by her company. She is still trying to work out the Reseller permit. She was told this AM that yearbook sales cannot be tax free. She is still looking into this.

Other Business:

Kathy H. will be shadowing Brenda for the talent show.

Kathy H. will confirm dates for talent show auditions and let Brian know.

Talent show is 4/9 with dress rehearsal on 4/7. Kathy H. also reported on the upcoming drama production class. It will be for 4-6th graders, (possibly 3rd as well) and they will present Annie. They need 50 kids. Auditions will be the first week of May with 2 performances – June 10th and 11th.

Rehearsals will occur afterschool Mon – Thurs from 3:30 -5:30, alternating among 3 different groups. Fee will be 56\$ per child. Each child will sign a contract stipulating that each family must volunteer.

Lorraine reported on the Flea Market. It will be held on 5/22 from 9-3. People are needed to

rent space and volunteer. Most volunteer needs will be day of event. Lorraine mentioned that a current concern is finding a way to have the school open for bathrooms, as the amount of money raised will be small and we probably cannot afford to pay a custodian or rent portable toilets. Lorraine also handed out Meridian Park Newsletters and encouraged people to attend upcoming meetings on 2/11 and 3/11.

Adjournment :

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Lorraine M. Flaherty, secretary