

Meridian Park PTSA
Board Meeting
May 4, 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 7:02 PM by Patty Sanders. Members had been informed about the meeting through letters sent home in the boomerangs, and through PTSA and school websites. Those present were : Tracey Poole, Janina Pacunski, Brian Heagler, Kathy Tinoco, Aileen Lu, Chris Stuvek, Lorraine Flaherty, Kathy Henderson, Amy Jessee, Jodi Steele, Suzanne Gugger, Renee Smith, Nancy Graves, Joi Defoe and Kelly Martinez.

Secretary's Report :

Janina made a motion to approve April 6th meeting minutes as written, seconded by Suzanne. All were in favor and none opposed/ April 6th meeting minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report :

Planning and staffing for next year is beginning to take place. There will be 2 full day and 1 half kindergarten, and other news about classes will be forthcoming.

Amy J. will email group from tonight's meeting tomorrow after the staff meeting with more information.

Amy J. informed the group that PTSA groups cannot leave money locked in the office for more than 1 day. The group discussed possible solutions. Lorraine suggested a lock box. Tracey suggested keeping the key in the office with a sign out sheet and the box in the PTSA.

Brian will look into getting a lock box for next year.

Amy J. asked who is in charge if MSP snacks. No one in the group was sure, but Dixie Yamane did it last year. Jodi S. wondered if we need as much as in previous years.

Amy J. will contact Dixie and Mary Crandell about MSP snacks.

Nancy Graves and Joi Defoe gave the Art Docent presentation. In this program parents are trained how to do the program and Nancy and Joi help run it for the first year. They supply the syllabus, supplies and training. The program would begin in January 2011 and consist of 4 lessons for each class in the school. Completed art can be sold as a fundraiser to help fund next year's program. Parents work as docents and teach the classes after receiving training. No art experience is necessary. The cost is \$1480 with an additional \$2000 covered by grants. Renee asked whether we could start with a smaller program. Nancy and Joi feel that consistency is very important. They could come to school events in the fall and try to get people interested before any financial commitment was made. Suzanne mentioned that we already have a lot of art supplies at the school. Amy J. said that Mary Crandell recruited a lot of new faces to help at lunch during MSP prep. Brian brought up the importance of right-sizing our PTSA activities. He feels the #1 job of the PTSA is to recruit the next generation.

Renee reported on the plant sale. The plants will arrive tomorrow and this year we made \$750.

Brian reported on the budget for next year. He distributed the first draft and stated that over the next 30 days he will try to get input. Reimbursements are due by 6/1. This year our deficit is going to be \$700-800, and we were forecasting a \$3000 deficit. With the car show we are anticipating a possible \$5000 net for the school. Some money will go to the PTSA and some to the school itself. We need to approve a budget by the end of this school year, and then next year's board will reallocate as needed and make final decisions. Lorraine mentioned that Mary Crandell had called her because she is ill and unable to attend tonight's meeting. She would like the \$200 line item for volunteer appreciation maintained.

Chris Stuvek reported on the yearbook. He asked if yearbooks could be distributed a little earlier this year to help drum up sales.

Amy J. and Jodi S. will talk with teachers about handing out yearbooks on the last Monday of school.

Chris reported that so far there is \$625 profit from the yearbook plus whatever is made from selling additional ones. Chris stated that he will be available to assist next year's volunteer/s with any questions.

Amy J. added that she wanted to thank 6th grade parents for help raising money for 6th grade camp. Currently she and the 6th grade teachers are looking at starting a camp fund in the kindergarten year.

Brian commented further on the budget. He feels we shouldn't have to make additional cuts next year. He pointed out that the car show funds should allow us to fund grants right away.

The art docent program was further discussed. Patty made a motion that the PTSA support moving forward with the art docent program and seeing if we can get some volunteers in the fall. This was seconded by Janina. All were in favor. None were opposed. Motion was carried.

Amy J. will discuss art docent program with building leadership team, and contact Brian about the outcome of these discussions.

Kathy T. requested that additional money be added to the Golden Acorn in the budget to pay for the dinner.

Lorraine reminded everyone about Embrace Shoreline schools and Flea Market events. She still needs volunteers for the Flea Market, especially between 7 and 11 AM. Lorraine mentioned that she would not be able to organize MP participation in the Celebrate Shoreline Parade this year because she will be out of town.

Lorraine will email her Parade Contact list from last year and see if anyone is interested in leading the effort. She will add Jodi and Amy to the list.

Tracey reported on the Works. The last day to turn in donations is May 19th. We need 117 more items to get an award. This month a variety of things can be donated including deodorant, soap and toothpaste. She needs 2 people to volunteer for the Work on May 26th and 2 people to volunteer on June 2nd.

Kathy H. reported on drama club. The first auditions were held today. 27 kids are signed up.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm . Lorraine M. Flaherty, secretary