

Meridian Park PTSA  
General Membership Meeting  
September 24, 2009

**Call to order :**

The General Membership meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park school library at 6:54 PM by Mary Crandell, as President Brian Heagler was out of town. Members had been informed about the meeting through flyers sent home in boomerangs, through signage in the school on Curriculum night and through the PTSA and school websites. 35 members and visitors signed the attendance sheet which will be made part of the permanent meeting minutes.

**President's Report :**

Given by Mary Crandell.

Mary encouraged everyone to sign in and encouraged membership in the PTSA and involvement at the school. Mary listed several volunteer opportunities, including Fall Carnival on 10/23/09, Book fair, cut and chat, and Drama club. She discussed methods for signing up for volunteer opportunities and introduced Amy Grady and Kelly Martinez as volunteer contacts.

Consent agenda – 3 items to vote on, all conducted in one vote – included approval of June 9, 2009 minutes, approval of Suzanne Gugger for legislative representative, and Brian Heagler (president), Aileen Lu ( co-treasurer), Janina Pacunski (VP programs) and Beth Paul ( fall fundraising chair and past treasurer) as signers on PTSA bank account.

Janina Pacunski made a motion to approve this consent agenda , this was seconded by Ben London. Consent agenda passed by voice vote. None were opposed.

Mary reminded everyone of the opportunity to help with landscaping at the school the first Sunday of every month.

Mary reviewed some of the things that the PTSA does and where the money raised goes – including the clubs that are starting soon, such as Spanish, Chinese, Math and Chess, ball for the playground, afterschool activities such as soccer, books for the library and classroom, and grants for teachers.

**Fundraising update :**

Beth Paul discussed the fall fundraiser, stressing that it is main fundraiser of the year. Encouraged members to make a monetary donation if they wished instead of buying items from the catalog. Goal for this fundraiser is to raise \$19,000. Orders are due 10/8/09.

**Principal's Report :**

Amy Jessee was introduced by Mary Crandell. Amy introduced Linda Wilson from the Shoreline Schools foundation. Linda and Amy encouraged members to volunteer for the phonathon on 11/1/09. Linda gave examples of some the foundation's activities and contributions over its history.

Amy Jessee welcomed new and returning families to MP. She mentioned that MP was still hiring for this year including an additional playground and lunchroom supervisor, classroom support and a volunteer coordinator.

**Adjournment :**

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM and was followed by a presentation by librarian Jenny Hillger on how to use the online library catalog. The next PTSA board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7pm in the school library.

Lorraine M. Flaherty, secretary