

Meridian Park PTSA  
Board Meeting  
March 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 PTSA room at 6:52 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 : Tracey Poole, Mary Crandell, Kathy Henderson, Janina Pacunski, Brian Heagler, Emmanuel Gnanapragasam, Patty Sanders, Kathy Tinoco, Mary Loes, Amy Grady and Lorraine Flaherty.

Brian stated that due to the abbreviated meeting time we would just go around the table making any needed announcements and bringing up issues to discuss instead of strictly following the agenda.

Janina had a question about how to get more copy paper for boomerangs. She was informed that members can go purchase paper and be reimbursed and that the PTSA has to pay for all its own paper.

**Brian will talk to Amy J. about the true cost of the PTSA using the school copier.**

Janina has discussed with Amy J. in the past whether we could try to make only one copy per family but this was not something that could be worked out.

Mary C. reminded everyone of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter deadline. She mentioned that Jodi Forschmeidt may be doing grants and yearbook next year. Mary C. updated the group on the yearbook progress.

**Kathy T. will send Mary C info on the Golden Acorn for email/website.**

Kathy T. mentioned that Jennifer Alley will be helping with the Golden Acorn awards.

Brian recommended that we consider co-chairs and perhaps co-presidents for next year.

Kathy H. updated the group on drama club. She will be meeting with Melanie Lyons, who will be running the group, on 3/15. The performances will take place in the cafeteria. Tentative performance dates are June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Mary C. and/or Mary L. will be present at the performances so that the PTSA will not have to hire a custodian. There will be a Pianist for the show, and Melanie will provide scripts. The rights for the show chosen will have to be purchased. Rehearsals will occur 2-3 days a week. The club will be for 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Kathy H. also mentioned that Talent show auditions are next week on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45-6. The show will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at Shorecrest. Kathy H. is shadowing Brenda this year and she and Dixie Yamane will likely run it next year.

Mary L. asked whether we ever received suggestions from staff of parents who might want to be involved in the PTSA. Brian stated that he received several suggestions from John Herold. Mary L. will try to get some more. Brian asked Mary L. to get readathon feedback from teachers.

**Mary L. will send out a readathon feedback form to staff.**

Kathy T. mentioned that 700 kids are signed up for Math Olympiad.

Brian stated that Dixie will be organizing Mariner night.

**Mary C. will get in touch with Dixie to get info on Mariner night for the newsletter.**

Kathy H. reports that 2 MP students received awards of excellence at the state level for their Reflections entries.

Brian reported that Amy G. let him know that the next staff appreciation event will be in April or May and be done by 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade families.

Lorraine reported on Flea Market progress and on the upcoming MP neighborhood association meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Lorraine will check with Gretchen Atkinson about putting the meeting in the Shoreline Area News.**

Janina reported that the only issue with programs was kids not being picked up on time. From now on these students will be sent to aftercare. Janina checked with Ron, the aftercare provider, and he said this is fine as long as he has emergency contact info. Parents will have to pay for the time spent in aftercare.

Tracey will make an announcement about lost and found items during the day on Thursday. Tracey reported that only 15 pairs of socks were donated to the Works last month. For Marhc, we are collecting boxers and bloomers. The next skating party is Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Brian mentioned that the next PTSA meeting is occurring from 6:30-7 on family fitness night. Plant sale information is coming out in tomorrow's boomerang and there is a quick turn around time. February minutes were approved as written.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Lorraine M. Flaherty, secretary