

Meridian Park PTSA
Board Meeting
February 5, 2013

Action items are in bold

Call to order:

The board meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park library at 6:19pm by PTSA President Brian Heagler. Members had been informed about the meeting through newsletter, MP and PTSA web sites, MP PTSA Facebook page and notices in Boomerangs. Those present: Tracey Poole, Denise Dana, Krista Keller, Susan Duthweiler, Rachel Ariss, Emmanuel Gnanapragasam, Ann Yee, Jenny Hillger, Amy Jessee, Aileen Lu, Dana Doerksen, Tracy Bjerkeset, Mary Crandell and Adrienne Thompson.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the General Meeting held January 8, 2013 were approved as written.

High Priority Items:

Car show: Brian and Amy have met with Marty DeGrazia and gleaned more information about help that is needed in order for the car show to happen. The most urgent need is for someone to lead up and oversee sponsorship. There needs to be two people to lead sponsorship and two or three people to assist. There were 28 sponsors last year and it is hoped that we can add five more this year. Marty will continue to head up the "day of" job.

****Tracey and Janina will set up a time to meet with Amy next week and handle sponsorship**

****Amy will write up a couple of paragraphs for the front of the next Chatter**

****Mary will make sure there are a lot of photos of past car show and Amy's info on the front cover of the next edition of the Chatter**

****Aileen will check the volunteer spreadsheet for possible helpers**

Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator Awards: Rachel has modified the forms to be more "user friendly" and plans to have them into Boomerangs on Feb 13 with a deadline for return on Thursday, Feb. 28. The announcement will be made on March 26.

****Janina will contact Kathy Tinoco for a list of previous winners**

Update: I contact Kathy and she doesn't have a list. I did a little research and found the past OEA winners and will send Rachel the information – Janina

Read-a-Thon: Jenny presented information that the Read-a-Thon (RaT) will kick off with an assembly featuring Alex Zerbe on Feb. 28. Prizes will include certificates to the book fair, rubber chicken and barrel of money key chains.

Update: One of the bigger prizes was overlooked: in past years, readers have won movie tickets. Jenny and Janina decided to continue that tradition, but change it to movie tickets to the Crest Theatre here in Shoreline. They will be \$15 certificates which will allow for 5 admissions.

Club Protocol update: Janina presented some of the changes to the protocols that the task force (Rachel, Susan, Denise, Tracey and Janina) has been working on. Due to our insurance it will be necessary for anyone receiving payment for teaching a club to obtain their own insurance. Ours only covers volunteers. It has also been discussed

that a small \$amount may be added to registration fees to cover wear and tear on MP copy machines and that individual clubs will need to supply their own paper and other supplies – this is still a work in progress. The matter of any leftover funds in club accounts is not something that happens often, but in the event that it does, it is the hope of the task force that these funds may be able to be moved into a scholarship fund – this and other information will be fine tuned and presented at a future meeting for board approval.

Principal's Report:

Amy went over the calendar noting the following dates:

February 28	Read-a-Thon kick off assembly
March 5	Barry Deutch assembly
March 26	Drama will present a preview of Willy Wonka, Jr. at an assembly
March 29	Honor Band performance tour
June 7	Dance assembly courtesy of Shoreline Foundation Grant
June 10	Evening dance performance courtesy of Shoreline Foundation Grant
June 19	tentative date for Moving On ceremony

There is an Emergency Protocol board up in the hall across from the PTSA room with information showing MP's preparedness. Information is also available on the school web site

YADA (Youth Awareness Disabilities Assemblies) were very successful. They teach empathy rather than sympathy for those with disabilities and allow the students to experience what it may be like to have a disability

Conference week was very good

Amy thanked Dana Doerksen for being of Cheetah CHAMP

Teacher Representative Report:

Jenny said the staff was very appreciative of the treats that were supplied during conference week.

Adjournment:

6:58pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Janina Pacunski, Secretary