

Meridian Park PTSA
Board Meeting
March 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 6:33pm by PTSA Secretary Janina Pacunski. Members had been informed about the meeting through newsletter, MP and PTSA web sites, and MP PTSA Facebook page. Those present: Mary Loes, Susan Duthweiler, Jill Steinberg, Tracey Poole, Amy Jessee, Ann Yee, Emmanuel Gnanapragasam, and Rachel Ariss.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed, no introductions were necessary

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the General Meeting held February 5, 2012 were approved as written.

Hi Priority Items:

Read-a-Thon: Janina reported that the kick-off assembly went well. The packets went home with students on February 28. Read-a-Thon continues through March 20.

Car Show: Sponsorship letters have been written as well as a list of "Marty's Tips." Jill Steinberg is interested in helping get sponsors. Amy e-mailed her the letter and tips.

Clubs Task Force: Janina reported that they group will be meeting again on Friday, March 8 to finish hammering out the policies and protocols as well as getting the final list of clubs to start the 2013-2014 school year. This will be ready for presentation to the board at the April meeting.

Art Docent: The current program will continue next year with Renee Smith as the lead. Due to amount of work that Cheri and Esta did this year, we discussed providing them each with a \$100 stipend. Amy made a motion to provide this stipend, Jill seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mariner Night: Susan Duthweiler will, again, head up this event. The information for tickets will be going home in the April 4 Boomerangs. Tickets will be \$14 each. The game is schedule for Friday, May 10.

Golden Acorn/Outstanding Educator: Rachel reported that the nominations have been tallied and will get the winners information to Amy by Friday, March 8. The winners will be announced at the May 26 Willy Wonka Jr. assembly.

Drama Club: Susan has all the ticket pre-sale information ready and it will go home in the March 6 Boomerangs. The ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students. The performance dates are March 28 and March 30 in the Shorecrest Performing Arts Center.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian left a note requesting that we increase the Camp Scholarship Line by \$500 to be offset by the Key Bank Foundation Grant. These funds will be used to provide each 6th grade camper with a T-shirt. Mary made a motion to grant this request, Emmanuel seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Emmanuel mentioned that we might look into other companies that match their employees contributions.

Rachel requested an increase to the MSP Snacks line item. It is currently \$300. Tracey also requested increasing the Postage and Supplies line item from \$300 to \$350. It was noted that there is

a surplus of \$300 in the budget due to student directories not being done this year. Jill made a motion to take \$50 from the student directory line item and put it toward the postage and supplies and the remaining \$250 be moved to the MSP snacks line. Mary seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Tracey reported that the Family Advocate Fund is over budget – Amy will inform Annie.

Vice President Updates:

Spring Grants: Janina reported that the committee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks to go over the grants.

Clubs and Classes: Rachel met with someone about the possibility of having a Spanish class next year, but nothing has been decided yet.

Membership: Ann reported that we are at 198 members, the same as last year.

President's Report:

The calendar was reviewed and the following items were added:

March 11 - 5th grade band/orchestra concert and pizza sale

March 14 - 2nd/3rd grade staff appreciation event

March 26 – Willy Wonka Jr/Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator assembly

April 11 – Art Docent Auction (with open house)

May 16 – Kindergarten/4th grade staff appreciation event

August 29 – tentative date for the Back to School BBQ

September 4 – first day of school for 2013-2014

Teacher Representative Report:

The students really enjoyed the Read-a-Thon assemblies

Principal's Report:

MSP window is April 29 – May 20

Embrace Shoreline Schools is scheduled for May 18

Amy is willing to send an e-mail blast promoting the staff appreciation events

New Business:

Jill S. is working with Jill G. (front desk) on a weekly e-mail blast of events to go out to families on Fridays at 4pm. The blast will include upcoming dates and events .

Adjournment:

7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Janina Pacunski, Secretary