

Meridian Park Elementary PTSA
General Membership Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
October 1, 2013

Call to Order:

The general membership meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park cafeteria at 7:06 PM by the PTSA President, Kim Ositis. Members had been informed of the meeting through the PM and PTSA websites, MP PTSA Facebook page and the MP Blast. Those present are listed on the attached attendance sheet.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed and introduced themselves

Review and Approval of Agenda:

The secretary nomination process was moved up on the agenda and the agenda was approved by the membership.

Nominations for Open Secretary Position:

Jennifer Kleyn was nominated and unanimously voted into the secretary position

Committee Reports:

Classic Car Show: Marty DeGrazia spoke about the August 2013 car show. He reported that the show was successful, having earned over \$8,000 for school. Marty is getting most of the sponsors on his own. He asked the membership for help organizing the next car show. He feels that we can do even better if more people could help out by bringing in more sponsors. Kim Ositis suggested establishing a committee to help with the next show. Ideas were shared about ways to recruit interested parents, including a parent survey, 6th grade student and parent volunteers, and a social gathering.

The fall fundraiser: Krista Keller reported that the fundraiser will be kicked off on 10/16/13. Students will have a mini-assembly at lunchtime to introduce the fundraiser. The product is the same as last year (wrapping paper), with the addition of cookie dough and kids magazine selections.

Fall festival: Jill Steinberg reported that the fall festival is scheduled for 10/18/13, 6-8 PM. It will include a multi-cultural fair, with dance and music performances. Sixth grade students/parents will sell pizza, drinks, and possibly popcorn. The festival will also include a pie social and a raffle. High school kids will volunteer. Flyers will go home in the 10/2/13 boomerang.

Talent show: Kim Ositis reported that the talent show has been confirmed to take place at Shorecrest High School Theatre on 1/17/14. There will be a dress rehearsal on 1/16/14.

Teacher Representative Report: Mary Loes reported that parent-teacher conferences are coming up the week of 10/7. The book fair will be held in the library on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Jenny Hillger has requested parent assistance with the book fair.

Principal's Report:

David Tadlock reported that he is still working on staffing. The current MP enrollment is at 506 students. The staff is continuing to work with positive behavioral support and it is going well. There is a current focus on adult and student voice levels around the school. David urged parents to meet new kitchen team who is working hard to prepare good meals for students. The number of hot lunches being purchased within the last year is down. David encouraged parents to have students buy lunch. He talked about the importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers. David is working with the staff to increase teacher website usage. New updated math books for grades 3-5 arrived today. The books were updated to meet national common core standards. The transition went smoothly with the help of several parents.

Presentation of 2013-2014 Strategic Goals:

A change was made to PTSA general membership meeting dates for the current school year. The meetings will be in October, January, and April.

Kim Ositis presented the goals listed on the back of the meeting agenda, which is attached to the minutes.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report:

Kim referred to the budget proposal which was handed out to members and also attached to these minutes. A parent asked about the carryover funds. Co-treasurers Krista Keller and Adrienne Thompson assured that carryovers were available but they did not show up on the proposal because they are still figuring out QuickBooks. *Question was also raised about reallocation (with permission to the board to reallocate)*

Motion to approve the budget with permission to the board to reallocate: Janina Pacunski made the motion. Dana Doerksen seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed; motion approved.

Review and Approval of 2013-2014 Standing Rules:

Standing rules were handed out to members and also attached to the minutes. One member questioned why standing rules did not mention student membership and fee requirements, as well as student representation. Board will research this for implementation in the 14/15 school year standing rules.

Motion to approve standing rules: Jill Steinberg made the motion. Kris Mc Rea seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed; motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

Kim Ositis called for ideas to bring more PTSA members to meetings. Members contributed ideas, including offering topics for discussion (i.e., common core standards, what the school librarian does for your child) and Love and Logic training.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

7:45

Jennifer Kleyn
Meridian Park PTSA Secretary