

Meridian Park PTSA
General Meeting
September 20, 2011

Call to order:

The board meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park cafeteria at 6:53 pm by PTSA President Kathy Henderson. Members had been informed about the meeting through letters sent home in the boomerangs, and through PTSA and school web sites. Those present were: Rachel Ariss, Amy Jessee, Tracey Poole, Aileen Lu, Ann Yee, Mary Crandell. This meeting was held in conjunction with Curriculum Night. There were also new and returning parents present.

Welcome and Introductions:

Kathy welcomed everyone and introduced herself as well as the board member present to the attendees.

New Business:

Kathy announced that the PTSA holds a monthly board meeting in the Meridian Park library the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. She mentioned that while there is discussion concerning finances and other PTSA issues, we always welcome feedback and ideas from anyone that wants to attend.

Kathy talked about the following:

1. all the programs that are sponsored by the PTSA including, but not limited to, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Chess, and Drama. These programs are for the enrichment of all students.
2. The art docent program is an awesome program that teaches students about artists and art. The classroom art docent's are trained for the specific project and are then go into the classrooms and teach the students. There will be a final classroom project that will be auctioned off in the spring.
3. Fund raising is necessary to provide events and help support our teachers and classrooms. Monies raised from fund raising go toward teacher/staff grants, back the school bbq, fall carnival and other activities. Information about the Fall Fund Raiser will be coming home in tomorrow's (Sept 21) Boomerangs. Read-a-Thon is another fund raiser that will be happening and we will need volunteers to help with different jobs.

Amy Jessee briefly plugged the PTSA and all we do for the school throughout the year, including the enrichment programs for students and helping the teachers with supplies. She urged everyone in attendance to join the PTSA and to volunteer to help however they are able.

Kathy said the best way to get information from the PTSA is through flyers sent home in the Boomerangs, the PTSA web site and the Meridian Park web site. Another great informational item is the newsletter. The Cheetah Chatter and the Meridian Park Messenger are being combined into one publication this year. While it will be a bigger publication, it will be a single source of information regarding things happening through PTSA and the school in general. At this point, Kathy introduced Mary Crandell as the Communications "guru" that puts the newsletter together.

Two big events happening soon are the new and returning parents night taking place on Monday, September 26 at 7 pm. This is a great place to have a smaller group of people get information regarding the daily workings of Meridian Park that includes a tour of the school. Child care will be provided. The Fall Carnival is going to be on October 21. The kids love to come in costume, the cafeteria is transformed into a pie eating extravaganza, there's a live band and the 6th graders will be

selling pizza and drinks as a camp fund raiser. The gym has all the games and activities for the kids to participate in. There is a need for 80 volunteers to make the night a success.

Lastly, Kathy encouraged all those present to join the PTSA. \$10 gets you in and helps support all the activities the PTSA does.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Janina Pacunski, Secretary