

Draft Meeting Minutes (to be approved October 20, 2011)
Mountview PTA General Meeting
Thursday September 15, 2011

Attendance: Deneen Barclay, Alicia Barry, Carolyn Berglund, Carrie Boisselle, Bob Champlin, Dave Fredette, Ashley Eydenburg, Erik Githmark, Liz Haddad, Galina Krasnova, Tina McAndrew, Meredith Ramsey, Marsha Scharf, Mark Scharf, Marylee Schwarzer, Lynn Scott, Patty Walton

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. The new executive board of the PTA introduced themselves: Carolyn Berglund: President, Deneen Barclay: Vice-President, Tina McAndrew, previously Treasurer, now Secretary, Patty Walton, previously Secretary, now Treasurer.
- III. Minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved (motion to approve: Erik Githmark, 2nd : Deneen Barclay)

IV. Treasurer's Report

Patty Walton reported that the PTA has a lot of money to spend! We are starting the 2011-2012 school year with more than \$25,500.

Lamoureux Dance donates \$500 back to the school after dance classes are finished. A proposal was approved in May to spend \$1,800 on new entry way rugs for the school and we increased our general fund amount to \$800 for items that may need to be purchased (ex. last year Carrie Boisselle bought tissues for the teachers).

We approved \$1,000 last year for an antibullying program for this October which came from the event fund.

The PTA also set aside \$700 for Destination Imagination if someone will lead it. The Senior Breakfast amount was increased to \$1,100.

The plan for the PTA this year and next year is to spend \$5,000 more than it makes if everything goes well in terms of fundraising, etc. We shouldn't be carrying over as much money as we have been. We can reevaluate this plan at the end of the year but the PTA should really be breaking even for tax purposes.

Several ideas for spending this money were suggested

- Ashley Eydenburg thought of a database used in the high school which has lost funding at MTV. Ashley also said she would ask the teachers if there is anything they can think of that is needed that we can spend the money on.
- Mark Scharf hoped we could spend the money on something for all grades, not just a small group of students
- Dave Fredette was curious as to whether the PTA can just gift the money to the school. Meredith Ramsey said that a quorum vote could agree to this according to the bylaws.

A question was asked as to whether there is a magic number of money we should carry over. There isn't, but \$10,000 is a reasonable amount.

The plan for next year is also to make line items for recurring Grant and Stipend requests such as Kids in the Community.

A motion to approve the budget and spend \$5,000 more than we make to be reevaluated at the end of the year was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Ashley Eydenburg, 2nd: Erik Githmark).

V. Stipend requests

- a. A \$500 request for Model UN by Diana Pahl and Deb Mudge was requested. According to the stipend guidelines, for a 2 coach request, each person should receive \$400. It was unclear as to whether \$500 total or \$500 each was being requested. \$800 was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Meredith Ramsey, 2nd: Mark Scharf) with the decision to approve the additional \$200 if the coaches return for the “extra” money.
- b. Bob Champlin reported that the total number of students who signed up for Kids in the Community is 250 rather than the 200 that was expected. He requested another stipend for an additional teacher which would bring the total requested for 4 teachers (\$600 each) and 1 director (\$800 each) to \$3200. We jumped to the grant requested by Kids in the Community for \$400 as start up money. Bob Champlin told us there is a bit of money left over from last year but that he needs to pay for pumpkins this year and signs and advertising, etc. Bob also reported that it is a lot of time outside of school hours for the teachers to participate and that the goal this year is to get more parents involved and volunteering since all money is donated. An amount of \$3,600 (stipends and \$400 grant) was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Marsha Scharf, 2nd: Mark Scharf).
- c. Scott Hill requested a stipend for no specific amount of money but according to the stipend guidelines he should receive \$500. About 30 kids have already signed up for Mathletes which meets after school on Mondays and includes 6-7 meets on other days of the week. An additional 5 kids are expected to sign up. \$500 was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Carrie Boisselle, 2nd: Ashley Eydenburg)
- d. NJHS stipend request by Jennifer Tellier and Caroline Hagenbuch for \$200 each. According to the stipend guidelines, each teacher should receive \$400. There are 47 current student members of NJHS. \$800 was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Meredith Ramsey, 2nd: Ashley Eydenburg).
- e. Dave Fredette requested \$125 each for 3 coaches for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Dave, Brad Clark and Bob Champlin are the coaches. \$375 was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Carrie Boisselle, 2nd: Ashley Eydenburg).

VI. Grant requests

- a. See 5b
- b. Diana Pahl requested \$298 for Grade 7 Word of the Week which aims to improve student vocabulary. This program runs for 35 weeks. \$298 was approved (motion to approve: Ashley Eydenburg, 2nd: Bob Champlin).
- c. PE Leader T-shirts were requested by Ashley Eydenburg and Krissy Teevens. 2 leaders per class are chosen to help the teachers. \$400 was unanimously approved (motion to approve: Mark Scharf, 2nd: Tina McAndrew).
- d. Mrs. Neilan requested \$475 for the Starry Messenger program and \$490 for the Museum of Science program. Galileo has visited MTV for the past 10-12 years for 6 grade science students. \$965 was approved (motion to approve: Liz Haddad, 2nd: Marsha Scharf)

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Membership Drive is ongoing; currently the PTA has 100 members.
- b. Homework Zone made approximately \$3,000 last year. Karen Hughes mentioned that 2 classes are already full and we are 1 student shy of 3 full classes. Dave Fredette and Bob Champlin commented on how beneficial the program is.
- c. The October guest speaker on Bullying is Jeff Yalton.
- d. Staff Coffee is scheduled for October 28th. Carolyn asked that parents volunteer to bake and bring in items. She will send out an email.

- e. Butter Braids Fundraiser – Meredith Ramsey agreed to run it again but said she encountered a problem last year with parents' orders never making it to the office to be purchased. Ashley Eydenburg agreed to walk to the homerooms to pick up all the orders to ensure they aren't lost! Better communication is needed. Possible dates were discussed such as before the holidays for delivery a week or two before Thanksgiving.

VIII. Principal's Comments

Erik reported that there has been a good start to the year. The school had an emergency lock down drill on 9/15 and the fire alarm was pulled as an added test. The police and fire chiefs were pleased with the speed of the evacuation.

There are two new teachers and one new aide. Brendan Ferrari is the new chorus teacher, Angela Drosidis is the new graphics teacher that started the weekend before school began, and Jen Toppin is an 8th grade instructional aide (she was previously the PTA President).

Erik thanked the PTA for directing traffic during the Josh Thibodeau vigil held at MTV in July and he also thanked the PTA for setting up tables during the 3 curriculum nights.

Next Coffee and Chat is scheduled for 9am on Friday, September 16 in the cafeteria. Dates can be found on the website.

SIMCO starts soon – SIMCO meets once a month on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. It is in need of parent members and community members that don't currently have students enrolled at MTV.

A "Biggest Loser" contest is being held among MTV staff. Dave Fredette has organized it and the first weigh-in is in October and again right before Thanksgiving. The staff is paired up and whichever pair loses the most must keep the weight off for 3 weeks. The contest ends before the winter holidays.

IX. Help Wanted

- a. The PTA is in need of a new Lamoureaux Dance Coordinator because the current leader is retiring.
- b. The PTA is also looking for a School Kidz Kits Coordinator; the administration also helps with the coordination of this program. Magazine Drive needs volunteers to tally and distribute prizes.

X. New Business/Open Questions

The PTA has a new email mountviewpta@yahoo.com that can be accessed from the MTV website.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01pm (motion to adjourn: Marsha Scharf, 2nd: Ashley Eydenburg).