

**Menlo Atherton High School PTA
General Board Meeting
March 31, 2009**

Board Members Present: Janet Perez, Denise Bullwinkel, Lisa McNamara, John McMurtry, Molly Eason, Kristin Smith, Julie Brody, and Pam Songer.

Opening: Janet Perez called the meeting to order at 8:44 am on March 31, in the Old Dance Studio, M-A campus. 16 members were present.

A. Public Comment:

- October 9th/10th, Gala weekend opening of the Performing Arts Center.
- Fashion Show is moved to Feb 27th, 2010
- PTA Service Award Nominating Taking Place
- Student Service Award / Remind your students; this is a self-nominating award.
- Big Bear Run / \$250 to get your name on the race day T-Shirt. Your Booster's donations over the year can be combined to reach the \$250 amount.

B. Committee Reports:

Charlene Margot / Parent Education

- “Be Comfortable in Your Genes: Eating Disorders and Body Dismorphia in Adolescents,” presented by Dr. Pamela Carlton, creator and prior director of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital's Adolescent Eating Disorder Parent Education and Support Program, Nan Dellheim, member of the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) STAR program and co-author of the *How I Look Journal* www.howilookjournal.com: Wednesday, April 15, 7:00-8:30pm, M-A Library

Debbie Verity / Grad Night

- ‘One Enchanted Evening’ / 75 tickets sold so far/ May 12th is the deadline for all sales. Banner will be put up. This is a dressy occasion. Screening procedure in place/no frisking.

Julie Brody/Nominating Committee:

- Still need two VP's

D. Special Speaker / Jason Yoakum / M-A School Resource Officer

Officer Yoakum is a resource for students/teachers and parents. His position has been full time, 5 eight-hour days, since November. He is emotionally available, creating relationships with the students encouraging them to make better decisions. M-A has seen a 50% decrease in incidents on campus with this position. Typical crimes that are dealt with are petty assaults such as: marijuana/drinking. Officer Yoakum speaks with students on boundaries of ‘when something becomes a crime’ and making better decisions. Gangs tend to be low key and a non-issue ‘on campus’. His cell number is: 650-743-3115. Please feel free to call him with any questions!

E. Treasurer's Report: Molly Eason:

- Tax preparation cost this year up from \$500 to \$1,200
- Parent Education might have an increase of \$100 / OK

F. Upcoming Events:

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
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