

**Menlo Atherton High School PTA
General Board Meeting
May 26, 2009**

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

Opening: Lisa McNamara called the meeting to order at 8:40 am on May 26, in the Old Dance Studio, M-A campus. 23 members were present.

Motion to approve Carol Orton and Lisa Deal as Co-Vice Presidents for 2009-2010 M-A PTA Board / Pam Stoner/Gay Whiting/Unanimous

A. Public Comment:

- *Pam Stoner: SDMC*
- *Planners/Directories: redesigned with the intent to be green. Items on the table to be considered:*
 - *Planner/ size change to be 8 1/2 X 11, similar to Castileja/ donation of \$10?*
 - *Directory/ list of student phone numbers only; teachers will be given a copy; students can pick up a copy at the library; parents that would like a copy can pick it up at the library or have it mailed (Pam Stoner will check on the cost of mailing to everyone)/ district might be able to copy at reduced cost/ not ready until October.*

B. Committee Reports:

Charlene Margot / Parent Education

- *Gay Whiting has stepped up to help with Parent Education. Budget for 2008-2009 was \$3,000 from the PTA combined with a one time grant of \$1,500 from Pat Gemma. Next year we might have to increase the PTA's contribution.*

Debbie Verity / Grad Night

- *'One Enchanted Evening' / 214 tickets sold so far @ \$75.00 per/ 73 scholarships @ \$11.00 per donation with 5 more coming in. We can take up to 321 max. Success was achieved using Alice Kleeman and the guidance office staff to help make it easy an easy process for students to obtain scholarships. 11 chaperones, including John McMurtry as lead chaperone, are signed up as well.*

C. Administrative Speakers: Matthew Zito / Awards

New this year, is the Prinipal's Distinction award, which is given out to students that go above and beyond service at M-A. All students at M-A were given an opportunity to apply for the award along with teacher recommendations. Eventually Mr. Zito would like to see 2-3 students per grade acknowledged each year.

The following 5 Students were chosen by Matthew Zito for their outstanding contributions of service in the community outside of M-A:

Shayda Abadi/ Tudors at Project Read at LaEntrada

Jamey Blawie/ Junior Board Teen Advocacy Council, affiliated with My New Red Shoes/ Mission trips with his church/ Leadership and Freshman services.

Jennifer Chan/ volunteers at Pick of the Liter Thrift Store wherein the SPCA receives all of the profit.

Ani Loshkajian/ Developed communication for systems of clubs/ organized all of the groups/ works with a down syndrom student.

Chloe Peters/ Started Kiva/ Project Backpack/ Key Club Co-President/ Started '\$ for Scholars', a nonprofit club that has raised \$600 so far for students in Africa.

D. Treasurer's Report: Molly Eason:

- Preliminary budget for next year:
 - Not all expenses are in, however we need to approve knowing that some adjustments will be made in August.
 - Jan needs to write checks in August
 - July 15th deadline for adding \$ to the budget.
 - Change Label#57 to Bearnotes instead of Constant Contact. Add an additional \$100 for the website, survey and sleep program posting.

Motion to Approve a \$3,800 increase in line item #48/Directory Expenses for the bigger planners, based on income of budget as determined by Jan Reed in August/Charlene Margot/Gay Whiting/Unanimous.

Motion to approve the 2009-2010 M-A PTA Budget with the understanding that Jan Reed will revisit the Mini Grants in August/Pam Stoner/Eileen VanRheenan/Unanimous.

- Grad night expenses have not yet cleared.
- PTA benefited from fundraising early in the year.
- Boosters might be lower this year
- Zito would like help filling a hole with the Partnership Academy: 20% state cuts/\$30,000 fed cuts, have drastically reduced funds for example: the community building, ropes course, and computer applications. Either transfer to the district to hold OR have Nancy Meecham spend it this year.
- Per Zito: \$40,000 are needed for point and shoot cameras.

E. Upcoming Events:

June 4th, M-A Graduation

August 12 and 13, Arena Check in

August 19, First Day of School

September 1, General PTA Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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