

**Menlo Atherton High School PTA  
General Board Meeting  
December 14, 2011**

**Board Members Present:** Kathy Oppenheimer, Stephanie Nisbet, Brian LaPorte, Karen Fryling, Carol Orton, Jill Morgan, Jill Zanolli, Ora Chaiken and Cathy Carlson.

**Opening:** Kathy Oppenheimer called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, in the PAC cafeteria. 17 members were present.

**Motions:**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 M-A PTA General Board Meeting/Ora Chaiken/Brian LaPorte/Unanimous*

*Motion to ratify the payment of YTD bills and expenditures, specifically checks #7736 through #7845 all of which were expected and included in the budget/Carol Orton/Kathy Oppenheimer/Unanimous*

*Motion to approve the Recommended Increases to the 2011-2012 Budget totaling \$20,100 and delineated below under Budget Revisions/Jill Morgan/Carol Orton/Unanimous*

*Motion to approve the Nominating Slate/Carol Orton/Brian LaPorte/Unanimous*

*Motion to approve the Fashion Show on February 25, 2012 as an official fund raising event for the M-A PTA/Carol Orton/Jill Morgan/Unanimous*

**A. New Business:**

Treasurer's Report/ Jill Morgan

- Several mini grants have been paid out in the past month.
- Greg Whitnah's appeal for the teachers to join the PTA was well received and those memberships are being processed.
- Ora Chaiken called for a motion to ratify the YTD expenditures for the PTA.

Budget Revisions/ Jill Morgan

- Due to the significant savings from the prior year and YTD, the executive board and Matthew Zito discussed and are now recommending restoring \$20,100 of the funding to this year's PTA budget. Specifically, 1) \$2,300 to At Risk Students; 2) \$7,500 to Principal's Fund; 3) \$300 to Teacher's Support; 4) \$5,000 to mini-grants for the Spring; and 5) \$5,000 to Special Projects for the replacement of aging picnic tables.
- The restoration of these funds will increase the budgeted deficit spend for the 2011-2012 year from \$39,000 to \$51,000.

Nominating Committee/ Carol Orton

- Carol Orton as Parliamentarian has put together a slate of five people for the Nominating Committee. The proposed members are Becky Flanagan, Karen Fryling, Elizabeth Katz, Ellen Mouchawar and Ann Stoner. The group is representative of various grades and feeder schools. The first meeting is scheduled for next week.
- Carol Orton called for a motion to approve the slate.

**B. Committee Reports:**

Challenge Day/ Ellen Mouchawar and Lisa Deal

- In its eighth year, Challenge Day again proved to be very successful with positive feedback received from both small group facilitators and students. This is the first year that several student leaders were used to run groups and the approach received strong positive feedback. The student leaders were members of Freshman Transition. Challenge Day coordinators would like to increase the student leader participation for next year, including bringing in more diversity, as the Freshman Transition leaders are primarily Caucasian girls.

- Next year's Challenge Day is already booked for early November 2012.
- The co-chairs would like to thank the PTA for funding, Matthew Zito and Steve Lippi for their support, Andy Stuart and Mike Amaroso from Freshman Transition, Kelly Todd for Leadership's support, ACS Counselors, specifically Ronnie Guileson and Christina Walker.

Fashion Show/ Kathy Oppenheimer

- The Fashion Show is scheduled for February 25, 2012. The theme is M-Agic - Get Captivated. 250-300 models have signed up from the senior class. Charleston Pierce will be the choreographer.
- Ticket sales will be streamlined this year, using the online service Vendini from San Francisco. The ticket sales group is exploring pricing options including reserved and general admission as well as reduced pricing for students. Kelly Todd and Karina Escobar will be available to support families who don't have computer access or who would prefer to buy tickets not online.
- Macy's has signed on as a clothing provider, which will allow as many students who would like to participate to do so.

**C. Public Comment:**

Outreach Holiday Coordination/ Kathy Oppenheimer

- 80 M-A families have been matched to donors. A huge thank you to the M-A community for their support.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Carlson

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