

MARINERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

March 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULED TIMES		ACTUAL TIMES		LOCATION
Start 7:00 pm	Stop 8:00 pm	Start 7:08 pm	Stop 8:22 pm	Monday, March 1, 2010 Penne Ferrell Theater

ATTENDEES

Officers

X Mike Smith (Chairman)	X Dianne Wells (Vice President)	X Susan Marking (Secretary)
X Mike Huntley (President)	X Meredith Cagle (Treasurer)	

Board Members ^(B) and Committee Chairs ^(C)

Tom & Jennifer Blanchfield	X Ron & <u>Jana</u> Kalinowski	X Vince & <u>Cindy</u> Valdes
X David & <u>Teryn</u> Clarke	Jon & Valerie Minken	X John & <u>Jaime</u> Weber
Brian & Laura Cox	X <u>John</u> & Julie Patterson	X <u>Matt</u> & Julie White
Rick & Jami Delgado	X John & <u>Georgia</u> Richards	Alan & Debby Wiesner
X <u>Christin</u> & Jon Gurka	X Michael & <u>Patricia</u> Stark	X Brendan & <u>Lori</u> Williams
X Craig & <u>Anne</u> Ima	X Nanci Terry	Mark & <u>Sharon</u> Zablan

Principal/Teacher Liaisons

X Pam Coughlin Heather Schultz	X Cathy Blue Bill Buchman	X Jan Wood
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Additional Attendees:

Leah Belfiore
Molly Kassouf
Cortney Polovina

MINUTES

Meeting to Order (Mike Huntley)

- Welcome – Call to Order at 7:08 pm
- February minutes have been approved and posted to the website.

Treasury Report (Meredith Cagle)

- Meredith circulated the end of January summary report.
 - Recent deposits included directory sales and pledge drive which has reached \$67,000.
 - Recent disbursements included payment for Mrs. Hoppe, AM Extended version, and toner.
 - Does not include payment to NMUSD for aides.
- She is starting to work on next year's budget and requested for summaries of budget details from any event you have chaired/co-chaired. She will keep them in a notebook as reference.
- Also, start thinking about what roles you are interested in for next year or if there is anyone you know who would be interested in becoming a board member.

Principal's Report (Pam Coughlin)

- Conferences are scheduled for next week.
- Technology
 - We are planning to order computers with the \$ we have allocated.
 - We received a \$3500 grant from Pacific Life which will purchase 7 scanners.
- Budget Cuts
 - \$17 billion has been taken out of our budget in the last 2 years.
 - Only 7% of the population has school children, therefore, it's difficult for school bonds to pass.
 - Letters of notice will go out this week. Pink slips, by May 15th. Layoffs are based on seniority. Teachers affected at our school will be replaced by teachers with more seniority.
 - Our school is not facing any program cuts right now but we will lose 2 primary classrooms as the number of students in each lower grade class is raised to 24.
- Ideas
 - Improve the incentive for teachers to take an early retirement. The current offer is \$1200.
 - Restaurants can offer to round up your bill with the proceeds going to the district.
 - "Text \$10 to Newport Mesa Foundation" drive.
 - Write letters to our legislators.

Spring Fundraiser/Art Walk (Nancy Terry)

- The Art Walk will take place on May 22nd at the ENC.
- We have a contract. Rental fee is \$1800. This includes all the rentals, linens, etc. We will probably hire some bartenders.
- The Swinging Tiki's (Tim Carr) will provide the music and TK Burgers will provide the food.
- Nanci is looking for a Food Lead to arrange donations for appetizers.
- Theme is "Keeping America Beautiful". Room Mom's have been notified.
- Thinking of starting the event at 5:00 with the expectation that people show up at 6:00.

Directory (Mike Huntley for Debby Wiesner)

- The Directory has been distributed and looks fantastic.
- Debby needs assistance distributing copies to our major advertisers.
- There are extra copies that can be sold to school families. Pam indicated Jan can handle these extra copies.

PTA Report (Mike Huntley)

- Jog-a-thon already has \$18,000 in underwriting. The team is looking for donations for the bake sale.
- Please support our teachers by wearing blue and participating in state-wide rally. Our local rally will be at Costa Mesa High from 4-6.
- Form letters can be found at edvoice.com. Everyone should participate in sending these letters.

Ralphs/Escrip/Gift Cards (Debby Wiesner)

- The value of continuing the Escrip program was discussed. Decided to focus on Ralphs and Gift Cards and not spend any additional energy on escrip.

Website Modification (Meredith Cagle & Christin Gurka)

- Meredith & Christin still plan on meeting with our donor. Determining the desired content and will reach out to various content leads.
 - Hope to broaden the reach or the area we serve. How do we reach those outside of families with school age kids?
 - Facebook
 - Become a "Fan of MESF"
 - Grandparent honor roll
 - "Donate now" at the top of each page.
- They hope to report on a timeline at the next meeting.

Tiles for 2009 & 2010 (Cathy Blue)

- Meredith will reach out to Dan regarding the recent tile install.
- We will encourage students from all grades to participate in this year's drive.
- Scheduled for the 2 weeks after testing.
- Jen Osumi, Beth Blower and Jaime Weber will help Mrs. Blue during this effort.

Independence Day Celebration

- Everything is on track.

Spring Landscaping/Murals

- We will schedule it for Mar 27, the Sat before open house.

Bowling Fundraiser (John Patterson)

- Bowling Fundraiser was a success, raising about \$3,000.
- Confidant it would be very successful if offered as an auction item at the Fall Fundraiser.

OC Mart Fundraiser (Meredith Cagle)

- Ladies Night Out at the OC Mart, an auction item from the FF, is scheduled for Thursday, March 25th.
- Meredith is handling the food, Sharon is handling the décor. Reminders to the participants will go out soon.

Fall Fundraiser (Cortney Polovina)

- Thank you to Cortney Polovina and Molly Kassouf who have volunteered to chair next year's Fall Fundraiser.
- Tentative venue is the Newport Harbor Yacht Club.
- Tentative date is Friday, November 12th.
- Consider running a bus from school parking lot to the venue.

Science Report (Patricia Stark and Teryn Clarke)

- Continued discussion about the current science program. Some of the issues that have been brought to light this year already existed last year.
- Lab is open Tues, Wed and Thursday. Some teachers choose to use it, others prefer to stay in the classroom.
- We would like to encourage those who are interested, to use the lab.
 - The lab provides critical science skills to upper grade students: use of controlled materials & lab tools and measuring skills.
 - Allow teachers to keep the kits in the lab so traveling between is easier.
 - Allow the aide to carry the key so they can open up the lab and set up the kits prior to the class arriving.
- Some lower grade kits are missing or are missing components. We can assist by taking an inventory of all the kits and identify missing components.

Other Business

- Next meeting is April 12th.

Call meeting to end 8:22 pm