

Mark Twain PTSA  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes for May 20, 2010

Meeting was held at Mark Twain and called to order at 7:07 pm.

January 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved.

April 2010 Treasurer Report was filed for audit.

**New Business:**

- 2010-11 Executive Committee Election – Cindy Neils
  - The following Executive Committee Nominations were made by the Nominating Committee:
    - President – Julie Tribolet
    - VP1 – Laura Bartoletti and Karen Smith
    - VP2 – Open
    - VP3 – Tammy Gilliam and Debbie Bensussen
    - Secretary – Teri Colbert
    - Treasurer – Jilleen Broyles
  - No new nominations from the floor
  - Nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee were elected by a voice vote.
- 2009-10 BOD Budget Changes
  - Budget changes less than \$500 were made by the BOD including:
    - Income and expense line items added for Bingo Night.
    - \$50 was added to the Teacher Mini-Grant. This is to cover a request that was overlooked at the beginning of the year.
    - The income amount for eScrip was decreased to reflect a more accurate number.
    - Fundraising expenses were increased by \$200 to cover Fun Run supplies and class prizes.
    - There were no Volunteer Awards made this year so this expense line was changed to \$0.
    - The Academic Tutoring Grant for math wasn't used this year. The amount allocated was increased to make it a \$1735 stipend for next year.
    - The Fun Run was estimated to bring in \$2000 in donations; the actual amount was \$10,700. The estimated amount was adjusted to \$2432 just to balance out the budget.
- \$4735 Grant Allocation: Academic Tutoring Stipend/Art Smart – Laura Bartoletti
  - Motion made by Julie Tribolet to allocate \$3000 to Art Smart to be paid out this year as well as a \$1735 Reading Tutor Stipend for next year. This will make the funds available before the beginning of the school year rather than after school has started. Second by Karen Smith; zero opposed; motion carries.
- 2010-11 Budget Proposal (attached) – Laura Bartoletti
  - The following proposals were made for the 2010-11 Budget

- PACE is discontinuing their program and we are considering Scrips as a possible fundraising replacement. The proposed budget reflects this change.
- There are plans to start a Math Club next year. A \$1735 stipend is needed to cover the cost of a teacher for the club and additional money is needed for start up expenses.
- Motion made by Julie Tribolet to amend the budget proposal; math club (Line Item 3I.) includes an additional amount of \$3000 originally proposed for Art Smart (Line Item 5A). Art Smart funds are no longer needed for 2010-11 as they will be paid out as part of the 2009-10 Budget per the previous approved Motion. This brings the Math Club expense total to \$4800. Second by Karen Smith; zero opposed; motion carries.
- Motion made by Julie Tribolet to approve the 2010-11 budget proposal as amended tonight; second by Karen Smith; zero opposed; motion carries.

### **VP Reports:**

- VP1: Laura Bartoletti and Karen Smith
  - Gallery Walk is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Last Skate Party of the year is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. A co-chair is needed for this committee for next year.
  - The Skyward automated system has replaced the rotating volunteers that came into call families as part of our Safe Arrival program. Families of absent students will be contacted based on class attendance sheets turned in by the teachers. This new system was put in place as of May 17<sup>th</sup> and appears to be working well. Parents are reminded that they should still call the Safe Arrival number if their child will not be in school.
- VP2: Amy Maher
  - Popsicle Bridge Building Contest is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Egg Drop Contest is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> pending approval of the Fire Department.
  - The Studio East contract was signed. Next year's production will be "Willy Wonka, Jr.". Rehearsals will be in March and April with the play scheduled for the last weekend in April.
  - The After School Programs committee will be split into three separate committees next year: Art, Jump Rope and Foreign Language. Jump Rope Committee is in need of a Chair.
- VP3: Shawn Palmer and Tammy Gilliam
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be June 14<sup>th</sup> and their pool party is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration committee is asking each student to bring in a baby picture and current pictures as well as a \$10 collection to cover the costs incurred for the planned activities.
  - Less than 90 copies of the yearbook are left. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, the cost is \$11 and the payment can be sent in along with the student and teacher's name. 312 yearbooks have been sold so far and they are expected to sell out.
  - A Special Needs Liaison is needed for next year.
  - The Talent Show has been cancelled for this year due to lack of available dates through the end of the school year.

- There is a Parent Ed speaker scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm at the LWSD Resource Center. Jennifer Watanabe will be speaking on the topic “Temperament: Yours and Your Child’s. How Does It Impact Parenting?”

### **Topics of Discussion:**

- Principal’s Notes – Rick Burden
  - Mark Twain staff wanted to thank the PTSA for everything that was done as part of Staff Appreciation week. The teacher’s enjoyed all the great activities, gifts and food.
  - Thank you PTSA for providing dance lessons prior to the school dance. The students really enjoy them.
  - MSP testing was completed today and went well.
  - The district has adopted a new math curriculum for next year.
  - Staffing ratios will stay the same for the coming school year. One teacher is leaving and 1 new teacher will be hired.
- Comprehensive Emergency Drill – Shawn Palmer
  - A comprehensive emergency drill will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This will test the school’s emergency response system. Any parents who would like to volunteer for the drill should contact Julie Thomas. We would also like to test the student release system so anyone who is interested in picking their kids up early can do so at 2:15pm. More information about the drill will be sent home soon.
- Reminders – Julie Tribolet
  - School Supply Kit orders are due tomorrow.
  - August 14<sup>th</sup> - North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association will be cleaning up Twain grounds. Please consider coming to help out.
  - August 26<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Orientation
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Meet and Greet and BBQ. This will also be considered “Opportunity Day”. “First Day” paperwork packets will be available. The yellow card student information will be pre-filled based on the information previously provided and you can just let Barb know what needs to be updated, if anything.
  - September 1<sup>st</sup> – First Day of School

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Next GM Meeting:** TBD