

Montgomery Middle School  
PTA Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2010

Attendance: Mollie Morgan, Anne Michaelson, Rania Elghazaly, Mary Bickel, Stacy Greenstein, Mary Ann Alger, Georgann Young, Iris Rubinstein, Michel Parise, Val Lisowski, Mr. Richards, Nicole Dowling, Mrs. Kichura

Budget Mary Ann Alger

- \$21,000 in technology fund
- \$10,000 in non-technology fund cash account
- Cash situation is fluid, money coming in from yearbook
- Grants have been approved but not yet paid. Receipts should be submitted to Mary Ann.
- VPs should look at the calendar for the rest of the year and evaluate budgets

Bus Issue Michel Parise

- Police response time to a bus emergency is approximately 10 minutes
- In that time the bus driver is the only adult able to assist
- NJ lacks a state law requiring bus drivers to both read and communicate in English
- We use both district and contract drivers in Montgomery. English requirement in contract drivers not enforced.
- Requesting PTA support for passing a law in the state. Suggested that Somerset County PTA may be the appropriate next step.

Principal Report Mr. Richards

- Peg Tyre speaking at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart February 23.
- Book suggestion: "Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy"
- Asked if there might be interest in offering library use to families of students, positive feedback from PTA.

Mrs. Kichura

- Gertrude Hawk candy sales supplements activity fund and end of year parties
- Resistance Against Peer Pressure assembly upcoming for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- April 22 is 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to HS for Earth Day
- March 2 is Met trip, Dr. Suess day
- March 11 a Holocaust survivor is speaking to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- March 19/20 6<sup>th</sup> grade musical
- March 22 and 25 Ellis Island trip. Chaperones will be notified soon, younger siblings should be left home
- April 16 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical
- April 7 staff appreciation luncheon
- MAP testing in April, both grades, LA and math

- April 28 “Mary Poppins” trip
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade going to Princeton Art Museum
- NJ ASK May 3 to 6
- June 11 Heritage Day
- June 4 Cultural Museum Experience
- March 23 Founders Day
- March 5 and 12 Fun Fridays

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation—Sue Sipos to chair

Movin Up Party—Lysa Wilson and Holly Kotler to chair

Plant Sale

- May 5, 6, 7. Before Mothers Day.

Comedy Night Mary Bickel

- Successful both financially and fun for the community
- Over 200 people attended, standing room only
- Considering backpack mail for “write a check” campaign

Founders Day Anne Michaelson

- March 23 at HS, 4pm, nominations being accepted

Tour de Monty

- Being moved to September, considering September 12

Spelling Bee

- 1 UMS and 1 LMS student going to Rider March 18.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mollie Morgan  
MMS Recording Secretary