

Montgomery Middle School
PTA Meeting Minutes
September, 16, 2009

Attendance: Mollie Morgan, Anne Rodgers, Kathy Moubarak, Liz Hamilton, Georgann Young, Christine Ark, Radha Iyer, Rania Elghazaly, Lynn Min, Ana Santini, Paula Simpkins, Holly Kotler, Jackie Carmon, Mary Ann Alger, Bonnie Keating, Iris Rubinstein, Stacy Greenstein, Mary Bickel, Eliza Chirayil, Ramani Gunmalui, Val Lisowski, Val Vieth, Karen Schneider Davis, Maryann Couch, Mr. Robbins, Annie Michaelson, Mr. Richards, Adrienne Jakubowski

Welcome

Budget Review Mary Ann Alger

- Input on budget needed; will be revised and re-circulated
- Transitioning to reduce paper, online payment for membership working well
- Tell Mary Ann or Bonnie Keating if a check is needed, 2 signatures are necessary for control
- VPs please remind your chairs to anticipate needs for petty cash, need proper documentation and support
- Current cash balance a little over \$7,000.

By Laws Paula Simpkins

- Presented summary of proposed By-Law changes and DRAFT By-Laws
- At next PTA meeting would like approval of membership
- State requires approval every 3 years
- 2 sets of changes—one dictated by state and national; the other local level
- Proposed changes will be on PTA website
- Going to investigate allowing family PTA memberships

Principal Report Mr. Robbins

- Wonderful year and opening
- 8th grade assembly Mikey Fallon one man show September 21
- 7th grade Mayhem Poets September 22
- Back to school night September 21 at 7pm, will follow child's schedule
- 8th grade to Camp Mason week of October 19. Parent night for trip is September 29 7pm. Contact Mr. Cooper with questions. Parent chaperones needed.
- September 23 school pictures
- Celebration social September 25, 7 to 9:30pm
- Red Ribbon Week, week of October 26
- Activity fee \$75 one time only for the year, for any number of activities

Principal Report Mr. Richards

- Year of the cow
- There will be 3 Fun Fridays
- Book fair next week and at Back to school nights
- Transportation going well
- No activity fee at LMS
- Sign up for clubs
- October 8 tentative date for parent evening regarding cyber bullying, internet safety for 5th and 6th grades. Mr. Richards hosting, Montgomery Police invited.
- No stipends available for 5th, 6th grade musical. Will ask Mr. Gordon to put budget together for PTA review.
- If schools need to close for flu outbreak will lose Presidents' Day first and then days during spring break

Committees

8th Grade BBQ-great way to welcome students, easy to run

Assemblies: mostly UMS right now, paid for by PTA. Parents may attend Mikey Fallon assembly.

Friend Finder

- Forms coming in, can be done online
- Adding business and advertising section
- Contact Christine Ark for info

Fun Fridays

- 5th grade first one, 3 for each grade
- October 2 for 5th, October 9 for 6th
- 3:25 to 4:45
- Need parent volunteers and bakers

Green Committee

- Sharon Howard
- Trying to start composting at LMS
- "No Idling" signs going up

Welcome Back Dance

- \$5 paid at the door, plus bring \$ for food, etc.
- parent chaperones needed

Innisbrook

- Packets going out end of the week

Magazine Drive

- Parents needed October 9 to collect orders

Multi-cultural Paula Simpkins

- Kick off meeting next week
- October 27 ESL tea
- List being made of parent volunteers for translating

Red Ribbon

- Teachers run at LMS
- Tying ribbons at UMS, contact Annie Michaelson to help

Room Parents

- Needed for 5th grade, contact Linda Ducay

Scholastic Book Fair Ana and Val

- Monday September 21 to Friday September 25 8:15 to 3:30 (ends at 1pm Friday)
- Parents welcome any time
- Theme "Reading Around the World"
- Need help for Back to school nights

School Spirit Wear

- Selling at Back to school nights

Yearbook

- UMS is Jostens, hard cover
- Pricing requested, hoping minimal increase, changing to color
- Will be able to use paypal
- Ellis Island or Heritage Day photos needed, send to Jackie Carmon

SEPTA

- Welcome back BBQ September 25, 5pm to 7pm, pre-register on SEPTA website, at Montgomery Park
- Would like representative from MMS PTA on SEPTA PTA, meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm, beginning October 20