



Marshall Road PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 15 September 2011

Attendees: Rita Monner, Randy Weinhardt, Carolyn Ubben, Shirin Rafat, Gwen Riddle, Alexandra Bates, Dena Carter, Olivia Carter, Frank Capuano, Ash Mahmood, Caryn Baum, Nellie Hatch, Lesley Chambers, Quynh Nguyen, Kyongman Kim, Sandy Shinn, Ashley Dawood, Lisa Dauernheim, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Joy Johnson, Bin Wang, Christine Silvia-DeGennaro, Whitney Emerson, Kelly Wolfe, Missy Walksh, Jennifer Heflin, Dana Lu, Christina Burns, Kara Ebert, Apurva Desai, Urvi Desai, Rachel Orndorff, Dipta Krishnaum, Gina Womack, Erin Kane, Shelly Koshuta, Luis Gonzalez, Luisa Machado, Amanda Waltrip, Valerie D. Henderson, Kate LeBar, Sandy Durham, Alice Ho, Julie Simpson, Colleen Carnegie, Walter Pabmo, Dmitri Melhloin, Eugenia Azaos, Natasha Perkins, Kari Govan, Coleen Chapman, Becky Kong, Beth Eachus, and Jen Heiges

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Beth Eachus called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.
- II. **President's Report – Beth Eachus**
 - a. Announcements – This year is Marshall Road's 50th anniversary. The PTA is planning a yearlong celebration.
 - b. Acknowledgments – Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the start of the school year a success.
 - c. Fundraising - We will no longer be taking part in product fundraisers but will be relying more on direct donations, our silent auction and purpose-based fundraisers including a read-a-thon and run-a-thon.
 - d. Open Volunteer Positions – The PTA has some open chair and co-chair positions including International Night and our Read-a-thon. We also need volunteers for Publicity, Website Assistance, members for the Online and Silent Auction Team, and the 50th anniversary committee.
- III. **June Minutes – Alexandra Bates** – *A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as written.*
- IV. **Principal's Report – Jen Heiges** – Teachers have a large number of tasks and have to focus on standards. The extra programs offered by the PTA help improve the whole child. The school is looking into alternatives for the arrival and dismissal process. The police have been ticketing on Dellwood.
- V. **Audit Report – Kara Ebert** – Audit report was read. *A motion was made by Natasha Perkins, seconded by Apurva Desai, and passed unanimously to accept the audit as filed.* Natasha Perkins volunteered to prepare and file the PTA's tax returns this year.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report – Randy Weinhardt**

- a. Proposed Budget – *A motion was made by Erin Kane, seconded by Gwen Riddle, and passed unanimously to accept the budget as filed.*

VII. **Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Communications Committee – Shelly Koshuta – Newsletter will be going digital. Handouts discussing purpose of Communications Committee and Process for publicizing vents on eNews and the PTA website were handed out.
- b. Family Fun Night – Caryn Baum and Nellie Hatch – Scheduled for October 14th. Theme will be “Freaky Friday.”
- c. Artist in Residence – Rita Monner – Bonnie Fitzgerald from Maverick Mosaics will be coordinating with art teachers to create 50th anniversary mosaic for the school lobby.
- d. Scholastic Book Fair – Erin Kane – This year’s book fair will also have an online bookstore with expanded selections.
- e. Room Parent Network – Carolyn Ubben – About 10 classrooms have room parents – if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carolyn.
- f. FLEX – Sandy Shin – We have a large number of classes being offered this year including an introductory Chinese class. The program is looking into starting a Spanish Club this year.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Marshall Road 50th Anniversary – Shelly Koshuta – Will include a Benefit and Silent Auction on March 23rd, a Birthday Party and family fun night on April 20th, a community outreach program to include 50 service projects in honor of our 50 years, and the creation of a mosaic mural in the lobby.

IX. Unfinished Business – None.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 8:26pm.