

Mathews PTA Board Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2009

Attendees:

Elizabeth Breston – Co-President  
Tim Tierney- Co-President  
Marcia Tugendhat- Treasurer  
Jennifer Cray- Staff Representative  
Callie Bailey- Secretary  
Carrie Huff- Passive Fundraising  
Patricia Salcher- Staff Representative  
Genny Dalton- Language Arts Liason  
Ivanna Kern- Octoberama Chair

The meeting was called to order at 12:30  
Summer activities update:

1. The website is up to date and running well for the beginning of the school year.
2. Octoberama has been progressing well. Donation requests can now be automated.
3. Still looking for a Silent Auction Chair, a few new things have been implemented this year that should make it go smoother, including automatic donation requests and renting a storage unit to keep all the donated items.
4. Texas PTA raised their membership dues to \$4. Mathews will continue to have total PTA dues of \$6. The PTA will have a booth at Back to School day to collect fees for planners and field trips, and give parents the option to join at the same time.

Treasurers Report :

1. Treasurer reported that PTA has \$27,157.32 on hand. \$17,000 is about to be paid out for the technology teacher. Total income since the beginning of the fiscal year was reported as \$14,987.35 and total expense \$10,016.
2. There was a special expense for covering homeless students pictures and other support materials, it was suggested that we plan for this expense next year and approved.
3. It was suggested that the focus of Library Support be less on presentations and more on classroom support.
4. It was decided to not renew a few passive fundraising programs because they only allow for purchase of some products rather than cash for PTA projects.

Octoberama:

1. The date will be October 24, 2009

2. The website (*octoberama.org*) has been set up to allow people to view Silent Auction items before the 24<sup>th</sup>, and serves as a portal to blogs/newsletters to keep people up to date before the event.
3. All the Octoberama chair positions have been filled except for the Silent Auction Chair, and the Class Project Chair. The Class Project Chair would be in charge of grade level projects to sell at the Auction, like the bird baths in 2008. \* *Update: All chairs have been filled. Class Project Chair was recently acquired as well as the Ticket Chair. Tim Tierney and Doug Kern are Silent Auction Co-Chairs.*\*
4. A new Sponsor Chair position was filled by J.J. Baskin, who is tasked with approaching new businesses to be cash sponsors for Octoberama.
5. This year food vendors will be at Octoberama instead of asking for food contributions. New health permits and permissions will need to be acquired for the first time.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.