

Mathews PTA Board Meeting

October 19, 2009

In Attendance:

Marcia Tugendhat

Elizabeth Breston

Tim Tierney

Renaë Alsbrook

Ivanna Kern

Amy Kinkade

Katatherine Robertson

Ruthann Rushing

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.
Minutes were approved from last meeting.

I. Octoberama Report:

- a. Silent Auction is going well but donations are coming in slowly, but there is a good variety of items already. One a round of final calling to potential donors is planned for this week.
- b. Ruthann suggested that next year the committee might consider some kid themed baskets (like a girls sport basket, etc)in addition to the baskets we already do every year.
- c. The Silent Auction preview list will go in folders next Wed.
- d. Eight former Octoberama chairs or past PTA presidents have agreed to staff the ticket booth.

II. Principals Report:

- a. The materials to support the Developing Number Concepts workshops came in; so far Pre K, K, and grades 1 & 2 have gone and have been impressed with the course.
- b. The 6th graders went to a drumming workshop for their annual leadership course this year instead of a ropes course.
- c. Briefly reviewed how Federal stimulus money is being distributed; Title one funding is currently granted based on school enrollment district numbers, and doesn't follow the kids if they transfer or come in late.
- d. New guidelines are in place requiring volunteer training for volunteers Who supervise children without District employees on hand. Amy is putting together a ppt. for training Mathews volunteers.
- e. It was mentioned that the ACPTA meetings would be a good place to get the issue of District wide technology teacher funding some visibility.

III. Treasurers Report:

- a. There are a lot of start-up expenses for Octoberama, so spending has been slowed until the Octoberama funds come in.
- b. There are two issues that have come up in the last month
 1. Status- **resolved**: Bank keeps charging service fee accidentally

2. Status-**pending**: School payment net was cancelled in August but keeps withdrawing fees.
- c. There are two requests for funding:
 1. It was requested that the PTA add funding for the 6th graders annual Choreography teacher to the budget, in past years this has been funded by an AIM grant. This request was tabled until next meeting to be reviewed after Octoberama's net is established.
 2. Funding for Family curriculum nights comes from Prime Time's budget, it was requested that the PTA fund as part of it's yearly budget. The specific amount will be determined and presented when developing next years budget.
 3. It was requested that the PTA add the international dance troupe funding to the budget. This request was tabled until next meeting.

III. Committee Reports:

- a. **AIM grants**- skipped
- b. Science night- put out a request for donations for providing teachers dinner on nights when they have to stay prepare for these kind of events.
- c. **Fundraising**- Ivanna brought up an upcoming fundraising possibility at the Long Center- A Texas Christmas Carol, Mathews could be a recipient of funds raised in addition to the Austin Children's Shelter.
- d. **PTA Reflections Participation**: Last year was the first year Mathews participated in this State-wide PTA event, it was suggested that we participate again this year. Concerns were presented that the deadline may be too soon to plan publicity efforts to get the program appropriate attention and visibility. It was decided to continue this year, and next spring to evaluate the programs reception and how the PTA might better structure its support if we continue to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.