

DESERT MOUNTAIN PTO

September 14, 2009

Attending: Martha Andrews, Yolanda Gales, Marion Rosenthal, Kim Kletscher, Jeanne Brandon, Donna Doglione, Julie Shinbaum, Jane Brown, Mauri Collins, Amy Foley, Carolyn Attal, Shari Rood

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by President, Martha Andrews

President's Update – Martha Andrews

- Welcome by Martha and Introduction of our Guest Speaker, Jennifer Peterson, a representative for the non profit group, Yes To Children. She was attending our meeting to speak about the SUSD K-3 Override which the district is asking voters to renew on November 3, 2009. Her emphasis was that this is a renewal of an existing tax and that the money is spent on all levels, not just grades K-3. The K-3 Override would provide \$3,480,826 in fiscal year 2010-11. Please go to www.yestochildren.org for complete information of the Override.
- A **motion** was made by Mauri to approve the August 17, 2009 meeting minutes. **Seconded** by Jeanne Brandon. **Unanimously approved.**
- Martha reported that Senior Parent Night was a success. Special thanks to Carolyn for pushing PTO membership and blanket sales.
- Junior Parent Night is September 22, 2009. Carolyn again will speak and Shari, Jeanne and Donna will help at the PTO table.
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair is ending today, September 14. Will report at next meeting of income earned.
- The Health Screening is scheduled for October 9, 2009. Martha is still needing volunteers. Mauri will set up a "Health Screening" link for people to sign up.

Treasurer's Update – Yolanda Gales

Please see Balance Sheet as of September 14, 2009, Profit & Loss July 1 through September 14, 2009 and Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual July 1 through September 12, 2009.

Yolanda reviewed the Profit & Loss

- PTO Memberships continue to come in. Mauri will send another E-News to say that it is not too late to join the PTO.
- Yolanda will get bank fees waived per information from Mauri (see Administrative Expense).

-Mauri noticed a significant change in Target. Martha will contact Connie Rose who will advise of the change at the October 5 meeting.

-Martha noted that we did not enter Yearbook Expense. Amendment to add under DMHS Programs. After Yolanda gave full treasurer's update, a **motion** by Mauri to accept the update. **Second** by Carolyn. **Unanimously approved.**

Membership Update – Julie Shinbaum

- Julie sent a thank you to those who signed up for PTO but did not give any money so that they would understand their benefits as well as let them know that they can still send any dollar amount to receive full benefit of being a PTO member. Also, thank yous were sent to families who gave \$225.00+.
- Staff Membership – Julie will put a letter in each teachers mailbox that will include that by joining PTO, the teacher will get a chance at 1 of 4 gift cards: 1- \$75.00, 1-\$50.00 and 2-\$25.00. The letter will ask for a donation of \$10.00 but include that for every \$5.00 increment of money donated, the teacher gets an additional chance at winning one of the four cards (Ex: A \$25.00 teacher donation of membership would earn the teacher five chances at the drawings). Also a reminder will be included in the letter that a benefit of joining is that only teachers who are members can make requests of the PTO. A box will be placed for teacher memberships to be gathered.

Staff Purchasing Requests – Shari Rood

- Shari presented a request from the school nurse to purchase 1 large bottle of hand sanitizer for each classroom, all counselors and all computer labs. Shari is asking for \$800.00 and gave a report of hand sanitizer costs purchased from Costco vs Sam's Club. Carolyn volunteered to return to Costco and Sam's with Shari and check if either company would donate any of the bottles of hand sanitizer. **Motion** by Mauri to approve up to \$800.00 to be spent on bottles of hand sanitizer with the hope that it will not cost that much due to one of the two companies agreeing to make a donation. **Second** by Amy. **Unanimously approved.** Shari to report actual money spent at the next PTO meeting.
- Mauri will also send an E- News informing parents that they are welcome to donate a bottle(s) of hand sanitizer to the school by taking it to the office.

Project Prevention Graduation – Carolyn & Amy

- 96 paid senior registration forms have been received with \$150.00.
- Discussion regarding the many add'l registrations that have been received without any money attached. Carolyn and Amy to e mail these families that we can accept payments and that any amount would be accepted.

- Mauri to put a link of the website of Seniors who have paid.
- Fundraiser: November 14, 2009 at Desert Canyon Golf Course, Fountain Hills.
 - Theme is Oktoberfest.
 - Food is still being negotiated as well as a hole in one prize of a vehicle or cash.
 - Carolyn reported that she has confirmed a “no loss” policy on this fundraiser.
 - Marsha Gentile is in charge of the Golf Fundraiser
 - Carolyn and Amy are to update at next month’s meeting of progress of this Golf Fundraiser as well as request from Martha of anticipated income.
- Since Donna Zavras could not attend today’s meeting, she will present her update at the October meeting of the results of her meeting with Dr. Rood regarding the possibility of writing a grant to help fund PPG.

Committee Updates

- Martha updated the progress of attaining Directory Ads with a goal of having the Directory printed by end of October break.
- Enews Update provided by Mauri. Martha and Mauri to coordinate each week’s Enews as to not overwhelm our families with too many e messages.
- Newsletter Deadline is October 2 with distribution the week of 5th-7th. Confirmation that newsletter is sent every other month.
- Staff Appreciation update by Jeanne Brandon and Donna Daglione
 - Birthday Update: 12 have gone out. Martha reported that Principal Milbrandt has asked that all staff be acknowledged; not just the 117 teachers which PTO originally budgeted. This means that 165 birthday greetings need to be sent. Discussion that PTO can give the \$200.00 that was budgeted for T-Shirts to Staff Appreciation committee to help cover the additional gift cards needing to be purchased.
 - Schedule:
 - October 7, 2009 – Italian lunch catered by Meatballs
 - December 2, 2009 – Holiday – theme TBD
 - February 14, 2010 – A valentine treat to be put in each mailbox
 - March 3, 2010 - Theme TBD
 - May 5, 2010 – Last day Lunch – Theme TBD
 - Jeanne and Donna will continue to update us as decisions are made.
- Teacher Feature will continue with 6 features being done this year. Martha will contact Jennifer Fabiano to have her get Teacher information/photos to Mauri.
- Site Council Report: Updates by Shari and Donna D. as to discussions from the Site Council Meeting. 1) Student Gov’t confirmation of Homecoming Dance and Game dates. 2) Concern that decision was made to have pep rally outside this year. Martha

will meet with Principal Milbrandt to discuss gym vs outside pep rally 3) Math Lab approved for 3 days a week before and after school. 3) Money given to Olympiad for books for competition. 4) Survey to DHMS students regarding class T-shirts after concerns of hazing when a student is in a freshman colored class shirt.

Future Meetings – Martha Andrews

- Next PTO meeting is October 5, 2009
- Martha recognized and thanked Jane Brown for accepting the position to be our rep for the Scottsdale Parent Council. Jane's first meeting will be on September 16.

General Information

- Mauri reported that we have received 2,000 e mail addresses with 250 of them incorrect. She asked for help in sorting/alphabetizing the 2,000 forms so she can begin to identify and correct e addresses.

Martha adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kletscher, PTO Secretary

Cc: PTO members, Jill Paweski