

**Meigs Middle School
PTO Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2009**

Attendance

Alicia Lange, Carolyn Sadler, Greta Requierme, Karista Gallimore, Becky Harris, Rebecca Breyer, Joanne Sowell, Tracey Gholson, Dana Mennen, Andrea Sullivan, Connie Taylor, Leslie DiNella, Kathryn Firsching, Misa Culley, Dana Maynor, Cori Morris, Jon T. Hubble, Francine Hunt, (Community Organizer, Stand for Children)

Welcome (Greta Requierme)

Greta called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. Greta introduced Alicia Lange, PTO Secretary for approval of September 2009 minutes, and announcement of meeting times for November & December.

Motion to Approve September minutes made by Connie Taylor, Seconded by Becky Harris. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes were approved.

Alicia Lange, Secretary announced meeting times for remainder of 2009. November 12 @ 8:10 am & December 10 @ 8:10 am.

President's Report (Greta Requierme)

Greta dove right in by presenting committee updates for those committee chairs that were unable to attend today's meeting. These updates will be recorded under the "committee reports" heading to follow...

Treasurer's Report (Carolyn Sadler)

The 2009-2010 Budget was made available to all. Carolyn stated that it's been a busy start to the year. All teacher requests have been paid out, and the audit is complete. Carolyn introduced Andrea Sullivan, CPA, who performed the audit for the PTO. Andrea stated that she enjoyed doing this audit, and that the PTO has done a great job at record-keeping. Carolyn then expressed her gratefulness to Andrea for all of her help. Greta reminded everyone that the PTO still needs to pay the portion of the fundraiser monies to CitiPass and SmartCards.

Committee Reports

Citipass (Greta for Debbie Kammerman) – \$11,110.00 in gross sales made thus far.

SmartCards (Greta for Beth Anderson) - \$7,860 in gross sales made thus far w/655 sold.

Membership/Kroger Cards (Greta for Mary Ellen Pickrell) – A "Drawing" was held for a \$25 gift card. Anyone using their Meigs Kroger gift card during the month of September was eligible. Winning #: 779-109-072. This month's reload netted Meigs \$520.00!

Invest in Excellence (Becky Harris for Jennifer Neenan) – \$27,372 pledged and \$26,000+ paid thus far. We are down \$9k from this time last year.

Meigs Mart & November 13 Talent Show/Spaghetti Dinner (Dana Mennen) – \$5 Spirit-Day TShirt "Stampede" explained! \$1,100 gross sales that day! Pre-order form is going to be sent out for long-sleeved shirts. This will indicate to us what is really wanted by families for future orders. 10/26 deadline on order form. A few volunteers are still needed for the Talent Show/Spag. Dinner on 11/13. Also food donations are needed. A parent has volunteered to prepare the spag (w/reimbursement) if we don't get donations. Rainforest Cafe donated 300 cookies. Still trying to decide on ticket pricing.

BoxTops/Tyson (Tracy Gholson) – October 31 is BoxTops submission deadline. \$400 collected so far. Tracy provided BoxTop collection boxes for those parents interested in setting them up in businesses or places of worship. Reminded everyone to sign up on BoxTops website. She hasn't received any Tyson labels yet, but there is no deadline on those.

Directory (Misa Culley) – Misa thanked Greta for proofing the directory for publication.

Landscaping (Kathryn Firsching) – “Hands on Nashville” day was a success! Photo album from the day was passed around for everyone to look at. 10/24 is another volunteer day for sprucing up picnic tables, 11/7 is bulb-planting, shrubs & trees day. The remainder of funds to be used for landscaping is at the “proposal” stage to be approved by the PTO Executive committee.

Outreach/Pencil Partner (Greta for Bethany Jackson) – This has been a very slow process this year. Only 1 out of 8 businesses have expressed any interest. Thanks to Cori Morris for faculty recognition awards donated from 9 businesses.

Magnet Cluster Report (Greta for Laura Rost) – Committee was disappointed in last cluster meeting because none of it pertained to Meigs.

Principal's Report (Jon Hubble)

Mr. Hubble announced that the Chamber of Commerce recognized & gave an award to Meigs as being a “Straight A – Value Added” school. This is a very impressive award as Meigs is the only “magnet” school in Nashville to have received this award. (This information should also be added to our website.) Mr. Hubble stated that the reason our school is performing so well is because of the excellent and effective teaching, parental involvement & parent's investment in their child's education. We also added to Mr. Hubble's statements that it is also due to Mr. Hubble's amazing leadership. He urged parents to look at the state curriculum website to see what our kids need to know to be “proficient” by state standards. They also include performance indicators of what they'll be tested on. Mr. Hubble is trying to decide how to present the “think link” test results to parents. China Principals' will be visiting on 11/4 for a “parent-chat” if anyone is interested in attending. Parent volunteers are needed for H1N1 vaccine day. This date has not been scheduled yet. Thank you to all landscaping volunteers, and especially Todd Breyer. Regarding the “Invest” campaign. It “feels” like we are behind in donations. He knows it is in direct relation to the current economy & wants to know if there's anything he can do to help. Mr. Hubble reports that drop-off/pick-up is improving & thanks parents for following the rules. He stressed again that it car lines will get longer & slower when the apartments open up. MNPS is also working with MTA to work out the bus schedule. School initiative this year is “writing”. Teachers will be familiarizing students with “good” words that go along with writing. Word comprehension, science & social studies are evidently not the focus in the elementary schools, therefore creating a gap when they get here to Meigs.

Questions from the floor:

- Breast Cancer Walk? Mr. Hubble will work on this. Possibly parent or student council driven.
- Gradespeed
- Homework
- Big Picture High School
- Creating another magnet school (Dr. Register is against creating another academic magnet middle school or high school. However, his career has shown he is very much in favor of creating themed magnets).

Greta adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Lange, PTO Secretary