

MONTESSORI BY THE SEA
PTO MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 2:42 P.M. by Anna Womack, President.

Valentine's Dance - Thank you to Denise Tomey and Lisa Davis for putting on such a great event. Everyone had a wonderful time! To date, we have made \$712. There is still an opportunity to make more money as the pictures have not come out yet. In the past, families have made donations for their photos. Thank you to Jack Martynow for taking the pictures.

Golf Tournament - The event is May 21st at Isla Del Sol Golf and Country Club. Volunteers are needed for things such as set up on the day of the event and preparing the bags for the golfers. We also still need sponsors, players and auction items. Sponsorships are \$100, \$150 and \$330. We have 3 sponsors and need 15 more. Please contact Nicole Morris for more information.

The suggestion was made to offer some type of incentive for early registration. This will be discussed during the next planning meeting. The flier and registration form are on the MBTS Web site. We are hoping to have Pay Pal set up soon on the Website, as well, to accept registration payments (as well as donations and tuition) online.

The suggestion was made to publicize the "wish list" from the upper elementary class room in the event families may wish to purchase an item in lieu of participating in the golf tournament.

PTO Account Balance - To date our PTO balance is \$4,286.61. Recent purchases made have been flowers for the front porch of the school and "take one" boxes for displaying flyers/brochures in front of the school. Upcoming purchases include furniture for the upper elementary class room. The total for everything currently on the wish list is approximately \$7,000.

Elections -Nominations and elections for PTO officers for the 2011/2012 school year are coming up. Please look for ballots to be sent out to all parents NEXT Tuesday (3/15). Please return all nominations by March 31st. The suggestion was

made to add job descriptions to the form and to include name and phone number of incumbents so interested individuals could have someone to contact with questions. The suggestion was also made to add "Head of Fish Broil" and "Head of Golf Tournament". Don't forget, you can nominate yourself if there is an office you are interested in!

Community Service - The next community service event is cooking at the Ronald McDonald house on Thursday, 3/24. Volunteers have already signed up to provide the food. The menu is based on a Cuban theme and includes pork, beans and rice, salad, plantains and dessert. Volunteers are still needed to come to the Ronald McDonald house that night to prep and serve the food. If you are interested, contact Christiana Pezze or Amy Lasoya.

Fund Raising - You should have received a brochure from the school for the Equal Exchange Fundraiser. Don't forget your neighbors and friends might enjoy ordering from this catalogue. The suggestion was made for the elementary kids to possibly have a table during fellowship hour at the church. Have all orders turned in to Judi by 3/22.

This committee is currently working on the Golf Tournament. See notes above.

Garden & Grounds Committee - Thank you very much to Paul Tomey for leading the charge on this and following through on the items requested by the school. There were a few items left over which will be addressed during the next scheduled work day. Still to be done in the near future is: a) add sand to the sandbox, and b) replace some florescent light bulbs that are burnt out. Mark Hollan recently made a trip to Home Depot to purchase some of these items. In addition, the sign from the front of the school with the old logo has been removed and a new sign is in the works. This should be replaced shortly.

The church recently had quite a bit of tree work done around the school. Look up next time you are on campus and you'll see their handiwork!

The front steps on the school porch still need to be replaced and this is expected to be done very soon while the weather still permits. The front railings will be sanded and repainted sometime this spring.

The elementary kids are doing a GREAT job with the worms. It is expected that they will sell the worms and worm tea at the end of the school year as a fund raiser, instead of returning the worms to the worm farm. Look for more information to come.

Green Team - We had our first Healthy Lunch on Tuesday. Overall, it went well. We are working out a few glitches. The menu for next week should have gone home on Tuesday and was due back with money on Thursday since the school is closed on Friday this week.

Earth Day is April 22. The Green Team is planning a walk to school day. They are planning to walk down the beach instead of the sidewalks this time, with breakfast to follow on the playground. Look for details to follow. They are planning to also sell flowers that can be purchased and used in the contest at the Green Thumb Festival. Your child should have brought home a flier about this on Tuesday, 3/8. The Green Team is also working on getting a booth at the Green Thumb Festival, which is the weekend of April 30/May 1.

Hospitality - There is a beach social at Paradise Grille on Friday, 4/8. All families are welcome and encouraged to come! Anna Womack is thinking about hosting a cooking class/fashion show at her house sometime in April. More details to come.

If you see a new family, please take a minute to reach out to them and make sure they know about upcoming events. It might be helpful to exchange cell phone numbers in case they have trouble finding the event. Let's make newcomers to our school feel welcome!

Public Relations/Marketing - Karla and Amy are working on getting a booth at MainSale. We do have a booth at the Saturday Morning Market (thank you Laura Paredes!) and will be looking for families to volunteer to man the booth. The idea is to have students at the booth doing something (finger-weaving was suggested as well as actual work materials) that might attract people to the booth. The dates are still to be determined. The plan is one date in March and one in April.

Please contact the office for brochures and Open House fliers if you have someplace you can distribute these. Open House dates are April 6 and April 29.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M. by Anna Womack, President.