

PTA Maryland Congress of Parents & Teachers, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Maryvale Elementary School- Media Center
October 4, 2016, 8:00 PM

- Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President, Sabine Philippe, at 8:25 PM.
- Purposes:** Monthly meeting. Agenda prepared by President, Sabine Philippe.
- Quorum:** Quorum established with 11 members present.
- Minutes:** September minutes were reviewed and Liliana Brown moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.
- August 4th minutes were reviewed and Jennifer Auroux moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.
- August 11th minutes were reviewed and Delon Pinto moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.
- Agenda:**
- Treasurer's Report** Liliana Brown will replace Stephen Varga as Treasurer. She will complete the treasurer training. The books are waiting to be audited by our CPA.
- Delegate's Report** Delon Pinto reported. He attended the first delegate meeting of the year. Delon asked that any advocacy priorities be emailed to him so that he can share it with the MCCPTA President..
- Volunteer Report** Yen Malhotra reported. Volunteers@maryvalepta.org email was created. Signup Genius will be used for volunteer opportunities and will be linked on the PTA website.
- Advocacy Report** Shaila Marks reported. The Choice Study and Maryvale Renovations will continue to be the main efforts.
- Fundraising** **Fall Fling-** Discussion occurred about who was coordinating the SSL volunteers and it was decided that the two volunteers that signed up at the last meeting will be the main contacts and lead the coordination of these volunteers. Yen will talk to them. There was discussion about how Anne Simcox is coordinating the subcommittees and most of the events for the event and that Cindy Jacobs is the chair of the committee, but she is not involved in the event planning this year due to a scheduling conflict. Since this is one of the larger fundraising focuses, it was mentioned that a larger committee should be put together next year for more organization.
- Book Fair-** Jennifer Auroux suggested the Fall Fling and Book Fair do not occur so closely to one another in future years so volunteers are not spread so thinly. A signup genius will be used again for volunteer recruiting and coordination. Excess used books from the fair will be reduced as to save space in storage area.

Fun Run- The board discussed the general details about the event, which will be provided to the volunteer committee. Suggested ideas included a volunteer to provide a Warm-Up activity/stretch, incentives for the kids to run more, obtaining a donation for pedometers to track distance during the run and as a take home reward, request banana donation from Bernard, request donation of water from Trader Joe's, coordinate a date with Ms. Prin, Communicate the event with the PE teachers who will promote the event with the students. Yen will communicate the suggestions with the committee.

Other- Discussion about eScrip and AmazonSmiles was held. Jennifer Auroux noted that AmazonSmiles donates .5% of purchases to us and eScrip donates on average about 5% per merchant. The escrip amount varies by vendor (which is what makes the program so confusing). Rob Gray and Jennifer Auroux will discuss the process of setting this up more outside of the meeting.

- Membership** Invoices for membership from MCCPTA and Maryland PTA were submitted. Total for these are approx. \$900.
- Communications** Delon is working on new email addresses for the board so there is more continuity for future boards. If you have not set up an email for your position or committee, contact Delon.
- Programs** Provided by Cindy Jacobs via email: Big learning starts today! Art by Young Rembrandts starts 10/19. Registration is open now! Kaizen Karate scheduled to start this Thursday but was cancelled by Kaizen.
- Cultural Arts** Diane will be attending the Montgomery County Cultural Arts Showcase to look for prospective performances at Maryvale this year.
- New Fund Requests** Sharona Chittum requested funding for "online resources" and it was not approved by the board at this time due to limited funds available. It will be re-evaluated after the Fall Fling event income is evaluated.
- New Business:**
- Choice Study Update-** It was suggested that the Maryvale PTA should hold a position on the issues being evaluated, particularly the sibling link and dual-language instruction. Discussion occurred and it was decided that it will be mentioned at the next general membership meeting in December.
- Recording and Reporting Volunteer Hours-** Sabine Philippe reminded the board to record our hours in the notebook in the main office.
- Volunteer Training-** Yen will keep track of who has completed their training.
- Spirit Wear-** Sabine Philippe reported that a new design is coming out.
- Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jenifer Cushing, Secretary