

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gail Chang, co-Vp, called the meeting to order at 6:15pm at the Chang's residence.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

New PTO members were introduced:

- a. New Vice President - Lito Patague (2 years term)
- b. New co- Vice President – Gail Chang (1 year term), also continuing as manpower chair.
- c. New Secretary – Gladys Lin (2 year term), also continuing as orchestra chair, and fun fair backpack room chair.
- d. Treasurer – Melissa Au (2 year term)
- e. We are still in need of a President

In attendance were: Ray Nakagawa (Membership), Al Banas (FF First Aid), Lynn Muneno (FF Publicity, Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day), Susie Okumura (PCNC), Val Sugawa (Campus Beautification), Ella Tilitile (FF Presale Food), Ben Meyer (MES Principal), Gina Nakahodo (FF Plants & Produce), Melissa Au (PTO Treasurer), Joyce Yoshimoto (RAP), Gladys Lin (PTO Secretary, Orchestra, FF Backpack), Lyanne Figart (Website), Joyce Banas, Lori Shimoda (PTO Advisor), Craig Chang (FF Trash), Lito Patague (PTO VP), Gail Chang (PTO VP), Maddie Ledda (Hospitality), Jgarrett Karr (Fun Fair), Garry Au (FF Layout), Ross Tilitile (Volunteer), Rose Fielding (FF Bake Sale), Wade Shimoda (FF Keiki Korner).

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Due to illness of the previous secretary (Lauren Kamikawa), no previous minutes were available, but will be available at the next PTO meeting for approval.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Au reports that the last Treasurer's report given at Starlight concert is still current.

V. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

a. Principal's Report

Mr. Meyer thanked parents support during his first year as proud principal to Moanalua Elementary. He looks forward many years to come. He mentioned the school receiving over \$50,000 extra that will be used for technology. The library will have a new apple lab. Teachers will go to math training sessions during the summer and will be back to school on July 24th.

b. Teacher's Report

No teacher representatives attended

c. PCNC Report

Susie Okamura thanked parents participation on all activities planned last year. She hopes to continue to coordinate more events and workshops.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

All PTO positions were reviewed reporting changes, filled, and still vacant chairs. List to be published to encourage more people to sign up.

Present committee members reported upcoming plans

a. Art & Culture

There is no committee person for this position yet, but Lori Shimoda explained what the Art & Culture committee did. Basically at the beginning of the school year establish a relationship with the representative from the Honolulu Academy of the Arts and the 5th grade teachers to work on a mural project. Art & Culture could also mean doing other types of activities that expand the children's knowledge of other cultures.

b. Campus Beautification

Val Sugawa is coordinating projects during the summer such as painting projects for 1st and 2nd grade hallways, and filling areas in courtyard outside library.

c. Fun Fair

J Karr mentioned that he would like to see less work for the parents for the Fun Fair. One option would be to bring in outside food vendors such as the lunch wagons. We are still looking for a Food Committee Chair, but this might be a shared position. Other chair slots are open for the Fun Fair, but not as vital as the Food Committee. Lori Shimoda's friend, Laurie Umiamaka was mentioned as a candidate co-chair the Fun Fair with J.

d. Hospitality

Maddie Ledda coordinated another great dinner for PTO meeting attendees.

e. Legislative/Community Relations

Lori Shimoda advises the PTO to consider re-establishing representatives to attend the monthly Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley community association meetings. This would allow better communications between the school and the communities, thus increasing positive interaction between the groups.

f. Manpower

Gail Chang reviewed all positions filled and emphasized ~~on~~ positions that still need to be filled.

g. Membership

Ray Nakagawa requested contact information for the last membership chair in case he and Audrey (co-chair) should have questions. Gail to provide information later.

h. Portfolio

Terri Kimura was not present, but will try to coordinate portfolio stuffing date with next PTO meeting, so we will have more people helping.

i. RAP

Joyce Yoshimoto, grandmother and super volunteer, was proud of RAP participation. New this year were certificates signed by Mr. Meyer given out to students who participated in all months. She expressed her wish for RAP coupons to be posted on line also. Ideas were given to maintain privacy on RAP coupon personal information.

j. Website

Lyanne Yanos-Figart reported new buttons to click on MES website. Links will bring money to our school.

k. Fundraising

Gail Chang, for Carol Hayashi, mentioned fundraising ideas besides the usual coupon books. Ideas such as Spaghetti Dinner Bingo Night with Grandparents, Moanalua Elementary Cookbook, Alumni t-shirts, golf clinics, basketball clinics, etc.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election Results and Search for President

On going search for a new president. Gail Chang and Lito Patague will alternate running of the meetings in the meantime.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Open House Date

Mr. Meyer confirmed open house date set for Wednesday, August 1st. PTO to be represented. VP to give a small speech to encourage people to sign up. Also be present at Kindergarten parent orientation on morning of July 30. Lori Shimoda recommended that the Membership Committee set up a table to promote membership sign up at the time.

b. Membership/Communication with Old and New Parents

There are many members who have not paid their dues. If they do not sign up for membership, they are not linked to the PTO website, thus do not get updates for the various PTO activities and events. And this could be the reason why we do not get as much participation that we would like. Suggestions were given to encourage people to sign up and pay their dues such as class with 100% participation will get PTO book store coupons.

c. PTO Parent Wish List Brainstorming & Fundraiser Ideas

Several ideas were suggested, such as:

- Casino Night
- Golf Tournament. Possibly at Moanalua Valley, since they are always encouraging residents' participation.
- Morning exercise activities for children who come to school between 7am-7:45am
- PTO events every quarter: science fairs, camping on campus, etc.
- Supermarket and other stores card registrations to bring extra money to our school.
- Increase publicity for box tops. Last year brought over \$2,000 in products for teachers and PCNC activities. Some parents will put boxes on their desks at work and co-workers would drop off their box tops.
- Charging parking on MES campus for events such as Hula Festival on the summer, and Moanalua High School graduation.
- Organize a Parent's Night Out event

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- Continued relationship between PTO and admin.

d. Other:

Changes on PTO meeting dates were suggested, but it will remain on every 1st Wednesday of the month, with some exceptions. Time will be moved to 6:00pm to allow committees to meet at 5:30pm if they need to.

- e. Next Meeting: TBA pending confirmation of Portfolio stuffing date with Terri Kimura*

IX. Adjournment:

Gail Chang adjourned meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*Terri Kimura later informed, via email, that portfolio stuffing is scheduled for July 24th at 4:30pm. PTO meeting to follow. Confirmation to be sent out at later date after facilities request is approved.

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