

**Thurgood Marshall PTA
General Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
January 16th, 2014 6:30pm**

In attendance - Katy Ransom, Sudeshna Sen, Tasha Irvine, Casey Sommers, Sharmila Williams, Doug Irvine, Jen Hobbs, Karen Pinkard, Dan Pinkard, Sarah Oh, Eugene Oh, Megan Kelso, Casey Luce, Matt Pfister, Jennie Wyatt, Brian Terry, Martin Saxer, Carrie Brown, Kathryn Saxer, Annette Sherr, Ben Kim, Scott Engan, Owen Richards, Tania Westby, Jenny Ott, Sarah Ullman, David Edwards, Amy Harper, Amy Vore, Alle Hall, Kurt Edelman, Dawna Dennis, Cassie Sauer, James Modie, Christine Shigala, Natalie Zheng, Carolyn Pugh, Angie Jenkins, Brindy Bundesmann

The meeting began with introduction of Co-presidents Tasha Irvine and Sharmila Williams, as well as the evening's guest speaker Amy Lang.

President's Report - Tasha Irvine

Pup Press is going electronic-only next week for all APP classes. Other classes will have some hard copies for distribution. If you are not sure whether the office has your email address and you **would** like to receive an electronic copy, please stop by and give your contact information to Ms. Dickie or Ms. Patu at your earliest convenience.

Some **upcoming TM events** to put on the calendar -

The annual Lunar New Year Celebration takes place on **Friday, February 7th**

Speaker Stephan Blanford from the Seattle Public School Board on **Thursday, March 20th**

Bingo Night and Art Walk on **Friday, April 4th**

PTA Guest speaker Kim Estes from Savvy Parents/Safe kids on **Thursday, May 29th**

TM General Meeting Minutes from 11/21 General Meeting were approved.

Some revisions were made to the TM PTA Standing Rules -

1. The TM PTA now accepts securities as donations to the TM Annual Fund
2. The TM Board is now allowed to re-allocate up to \$5k between meetings
3. Opportunity Teacher Grants of \$200 and less may be approved by two PTA board officers minimum.

The TM PTA Standing Rules revisions were approved.

Volunteer Report - Tasha Irvine

The TM Signage Committee is looking for additional participants to help make decisions on new signage with different languages throughout the school.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5th! If you are interested in organizing this fabulous show of support for our teachers,

TM Mariners Day is looking for a ticket coordinator - small, limited commitment of time with very flexible hours.

The Nominating Committee for next year's PTA board needs warm bodies! If you are interested in having a hand in who represents the school from the parent community, your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Wendy Eckert, TM Volunteer Coordinator, if you are interested in any of the above opportunities.

Treasurer's Report - Brindy Bundesmann

We are increasing our Recess Aid spending by \$6500. With the increase in budget, the Recess Aid will now remain throughout the school year.

Recent Teacher Opportunity Grants are some new books for the library and 2nd grade classrooms as well as a Counselor Conference for TM Counselor Megan Kaloper. We still have over \$6k left in our Teacher Opportunity Grant Budget.

Annual Fund Report - Casey Sommers

We have raised \$102k so far! Our fundraising goal by March 1st is \$130k. Our second big goal is 60% total participation, right now we are at 30%. Every donation, large or small, is very appreciated.

PCC cards are for sale for \$10.

Look for some fun highlights in the Pup Press over the next two months as we show the TM community where the PTA dollars are being put to great use.

Assistant Principal's Report - Christine Helm

Christine Helm is participating in a Positive Discipline Program that she is very excited about. She looks forward to sharing her newly acquired knowledge and methods with others, including the TM student body and she welcomes any questions from the TM community as a whole. Feel free to email or stop by anytime.

Guest Speaker Amy Lang began her presentation on Birds, Bees and Kids. See attached materials for more information...

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.