

Madison Traditional Academy Guild

Minutes –
September 12, 2011
6:30p.m.

I. Call to Order & Welcome

A. April Snider and Bridget Querciagrossa opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

II. Old Business

A. None

III. New Business:

A. Introduction of Guild Board Members – April Snider –

Guild members include: April Snider, Bridget Querciagrossa, Danielle Vargo, Jennie Kitz, Donna Ross, Nancy Peabody, Kristel Jonkosky, Shay McPhail, Sarah Cline and Tina Shuquem.

B. Introduction of New Staff Members – Bridget Querciagrossa–

New teachers welcomed to MTA including Joyce Carlyle (3rd grade) and Amy Hardy (6th grade).

C. Principal's Report – Mike Duff –

1. Thank you to Bridget and April for all their hard work.
2. The school year is going well.
3. Drop off/Pick up – The school still needs a crossing guard. There is a concern that walkers and bikers who travel across the front entrance to the school and the driveway exit will be hit by a car. Parents are asked to please use the crosswalks and good safety sense. Use street lights to cross. Use the north side of Maryland. Please no scooters. The City (Don Cross) must approve 15 mph signs, the city has been observing and we don't qualify at this time but they will continue to look at it. The rumor about a kid being hit by a car is false. The kid actually hit the car; a car did not hit him. It was not an MTA student.
4. Tutoring - MTA teachers cannot tutor on the MTA campus for money. It is against the law for teachers to tutor their own students for money. Anne Grass is making a list of teachers who are available to tutor.
5. .2 Spanish - Mr. Duff has looked into a .2 Spanish teacher for the middle school grades. They are having a hard time finding someone to fill the position. Spanish is available for a fee in an after school program called Hispalia.
6. Sports - A letter is coming out that sports are \$100 per sport per student. When designating tax credit choose general or sports.
7. School Dedication - On Sept 20th there will be a school dedication. The dedication is more of a community event so that they may see the facility.
8. MTA staff members thanked by Mr. Duff.
9. Kris Baker was recognized and thanked for all of her hard work for MTA.

D. Treasurer's Report – Jennie Kitz

1. Balance Sheet - \$157,983.45 in assets.
2. Art Masterpiece has been brought in house this year. There is a one time Art Masterpiece fee to get the program set up.
3. Back to School Packs show a loss which will right itself by the end of the year when parents order for next year.
4. Miscellaneous are items that come up that are unplanned.
5. Spaulding Materials and the Talent Show reflect no profit to be made. The Spaulding materials are sold at cost and the talent show is a community experience only not a fundraiser.
6. Commencement has been added because MTA will have its first graduating class this year.

7. Equipment includes items like sun shades and a die cutter.
8. Curricular supplements are throw away items like weekly readers.
9. Curricular support materials are reusable items like clocks for learning to tell time, white board slates and maps.
10. Historian – Money will go towards a trophy case and a school scrap book.
11. Kindergarten Aide – This year there will be one aide per kindergarten class.
12. Library – Items for the library such as books and a set of encyclopedias.
13. Sports Program – Money will be spent to get MTA up to speed with other school's sports programs.
14. Playground Equipment – Jump ropes, balls etc... for the playground.
15. Capital Improvements – Money goes to serious playground equipment such as monkey bars and slides. The equipment may go in the 2nd grade area but it is still being decided where it will go. Awnings for the school are here and will be installed over fall break.
16. We thought we were spending \$5000 for a kiln but it was provided by the district. We also thought curtains needed to be purchased for the stage but they showed up as well.
17. We will show a net loss.
18. Budget Approval
 - a. Motion was made to approve budget for 2011-2012.
 - b. Motion seconded.
 - c. All in favor – majority passed.

E. Fall Social/Auction – Susan Harris & Carolyn Albin

The yearly Fall Social will be held Saturday Nov 5th. It is an evening event. Everyone is encouraged to come. It will be held at a private home this year. There is an auction. This will be our main fund raiser this year. Items are being procured for the auction. Everyone is asked to help find items for the auction. Letters are available to drop off at local businesses to ask for donations. Call Carolyn Albin if you have auction ideas to make sure we don't ask the same business several times. There will be party books this year –Party book example: Movie party for kids hosted at family home. If interested in hosting a party contact Ashley Simpson and Vicki Richardson. The Fall Social is a great and easy way to get volunteer hours. The Fall Social is an adult's only event. We can acknowledge businesses on the school website to thank them for contributing.

F. Mad Money – JoEllen McBride

1. Safeway Raffle winner chosen. Congratulations Jeremy Silva.
2. The Mad Money programs allow parents a variety of ways to earn free money and supplies for MTA. Last year Mad Money raised over \$25,000.
3. Store Programs:
 - a. Safeway – Connecting your Safeway card to MTA will give free money back to MTA. Safeway has a back to school program so that the school gets 10% of yellow bus tag items purchased by Sept. 13th. Receipts of these purchases needed by September 19th to get credit for back to school purchases.
 - b. Fresh and Easy – Turn in all Fresh and Easy receipts for \$20 or more from September 15th to December 31st and MTA will get \$1 for every \$20 spent. Shopping night is November 16th. MTA will get 5% of gross sales from 4 to 8 pm that night.
 - c. Fry's – Fry's cards can be connected to MTA.
 - d. Target – Get 5% off all purchases at Target and MTA will get a 1% donation.
 - e. eScrip website lets you connect your credit or debit card so that MTA gets a percentage of your purchases. eScrip will also let you connect your Safeway card to MTA.
 - f. Parents are encouraged to ask friends and family to connect their cards to our school.
 - g. Volunteers are needed to collect shopper's receipts as they leave the Safeway store at 7th Avenue & Osborn September 19th-October 9th. This is a good opportunity to get volunteer hours.
4. Box Tops – The Box Tops goal for this year is \$2,000.
5. Coke Rewards – Save coke product bottle caps/box ends and wraps. There are codes that when entered on the website MyCokeRewards.com they will donate points to MTA for school equipment and supplies.

6. Recycling Programs – Turn Trash into Cash
 - a. Turn in Capri Sun/Honest Kids/Kool Aid Jammers Juice Pouches.
 - b. Labels for education – please save and turn them in.
 - c. Fall recycling – Ink cartridges, DVD players, old cell phones can be turned in to get money for the school.
7. Doozy of a deal is an internet site set up by teachers where you can get deals from stores and if you order from the website 7.5% is given back to MTA.
8. Sunny D – 20 labels gets \$20 of free books from Sunny D.
9. There is a drawer set up in the parent room where parents can turn in fresh and easy receipts, box tops etc...or simply drop them at the front office.
10. Go to the Guild website for all updates and links to Mad Money programs.

G. **Directory – Donna Ross** – Sept 15th is the deadline to join the guild and fill out directory forms. We are hoping to have everyone join. If you don't fill out the form you will not be in the directory. The directory will be on a CD this year not a book. Please fill out a form if you need to update your information. Laura Kirk is the head of this committee. Business ads can be placed in the directory.

H. **Website Update – Bridget Querciagrossa** – The Guild website is www.mtaguild.org. It is going through a transition. More functionality and information is being added. We are trying to add a shopping cart to sell logo items and tickets to the fall social etc...The website will help parents do more on-line. We want to add pages for the school committees. Each committee will have a page. We hope to have volunteer spot on the website so parents can see areas available to volunteer. There is a link to Facebook and a section for frequently asked questions. Please let us know if you don't want your child's photo to be in the Hoot n Hollers.

I. **M & O Override – Steve Burgoyne** – YesYesforMadisonSchools.com. Madison District Override signs are up around town. The purpose is to get a yes vote for 3.8 million dollars for the district. 85% of this money goes to salaries for teachers. There is a link on the website to donate money. If you live in the district and would like to post a sign and would like to give a small donation to offset the cost of the sign that would be appreciated. Parents are asked to walk 2 weekends in October to help the teachers walking the neighborhoods passing out cards to get people to vote yes.

J. **Rick Magnuson – Dad's club** – Annual bowling event was held last Saturday. 150 people attended. It was a great time. Thanks to all who attended. The first Donuts with dads will be held the 1st Friday in October (Oct 7th). It will most likely be in the courtyard. This is an opportunity to get to school early and share a donut and coffee with other MTA families and their students. All are welcome to come. It is a good way to raise money for the school. All are welcome to join the dad's club. A lot of fun events go on through the year and it is a great way to socialize and earn money. E-mail Jeff Cody at codyenterprises@cox.net to join.

K. Parents asked to give input and ideas for school improvements.

L. April thanked Brooke Machen and Stacey Salmins for doing a great job with the hospitality committee.

M. Lost and Found pointed out.

IV. Adjourn

Next Guild Meeting:

Oct 10th – 6:30p.m. MTA Cafeteria