

AMPTG Meeting
9/1/2010 Minutes

Welcome and introductions – the new board members introduce themselves. All others present also introduced themselves. We had 24 parents and teachers present!

President – Gia McNutt
Vice President – Jaime Baxter
Secretary – Tina Gill
Treasurer – Jennifer Price

The AMPTG organization provides for an enriched learning environment for ADMS students through various ways. A few of these ways are through enrichment programs, special events (May Day celebration, Graduation, Holiday program, Teacher Appreciation luncheon), School Support and Classroom support.

The **Bylaws** of Auburn Montessori Parent-Teacher Group are read aloud and discussed so as to clarify our vision and purpose. The Bylaws are:

- A. To support the Mission of Auburn Discovery Montessori School
- B. To unify the students, parents, faculty, administration and community.
- C. To enrich the extra-curricular environment of the children of ADMS.
- D. To bring parent/teacher/community educational programs to the school.
- E. To enrich the scientific environment of the children of ADMS and to bring environmental awareness programs to the students, their families and the community.

Volunteer coordinator positions are discussed. Current open positions are Scrip Coordinator, Foothill Wines Fundraiser, and Bake Sale coordinator. A complete list of the volunteers and positions will be on our website within the next few days.

Calendar Dates to Note:

* **AMTPG meetings** will be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Free childcare will always be provided. Children will always be provided a snack and a drink. Meeting dates will be posted on our website but are also listed below:

October 6
November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1

* **AMPTG “Back to School Picnic”** will be held on September 24th from 6pm to 7:30. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by September 17th so we can order the appropriate amount of food. This will be a chance to meet other parents and get to know your ADMS community.

* **School t-shirts** need to be handed out to children by the October 19th (Bishop’s Pumpkin Patch Field Trip). Order forms will be handed out shortly (and will be on the website) and are due back by October 1st. Teachers ask that you feel free to donate any ADMS t-shirts your children have outgrown. Teachers can use these recycled t-shirts for field trips when someone has forgotten theirs.

* **Hot Lunches:** We just got a volunteer, Julie Moore, and she will be reaching out to you with forms in your kids’ student files, and it will be made available on the website as well. We are planning an order for week of September 20th & 27th, and monthly from then on. (we will need your orders sometime in the week of September 13th – stay tuned for more details).

* **See’s Candy and Equal Exchange order forms** will both be handed out on November 1st, and orders will be received by November 29th.

Enrichment Suggestions:

Your dues and the money we raise pay for our children to experience many wonderful enrichment activities. Any suggestions you have will be considered. Please feel free to contact any member of the board or your teacher with your ideas. Previous enrichment activities have included: Natures Critters, Symphony, Puppet Art Theater, Re/Create, Tim “The Piano Man”, and Wild Things. Suggestions were made for Placer Theater Ballet, and other theater or drama events.

Playground improvements:

AMPTG is funding \$500.00 towards new playground bark. Carrying and spreading the bark is going to be a laborious task. We will send an email out when we have the bark and it is ready to be put on the playground. Many volunteers will be needed for this task and it will be a great way to fulfill your AMPTG volunteer hours.

AMPTG Financial Report:

We are starting our school year out with approximately \$7,000.00! This is very exciting news to be starting out with a positive balance. If you have not paid your 2010/2011 dues so far, please try to do that soon. Dues are \$50.00 per family.

Website:

Our goal for our website this year is to make available for you any and all information that you may need. Monthly calendars, yearbook forms, field trip forms, book order forms, hot lunch information, fundraising, t-shirts, dues, baby sitting connections, tutoring help, etc. Please let us know what you would like to see on our website. We want to make this the communication hub! Please get any suggestions to Kathe Barrington at admsweb@gmail.com.