

**MMTC GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2008
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Troop 1212 Presents Colors

- Pledge of Allegiance
Mira Mesa High School Band presented by Mr. John Dally. They will be representing Mira Mesa in the Southern California Championship.
- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members
 - President Jeff Stevens
 - First Vice President (program chair) Pam O'Donohoe
 - Second Vice President (membership) Ted Brengel
 - Treasurer Alan Philpott
 - Recording Secretary Albertine Feurer-Young
 - Newsletter Editor Maria Pankau
 - Parliamentarian Courtland Young
 - Member at Large Marlon Austria
 - Member at Large Jon Labaw
 - Member at Large Stephen Sluyter
 - Member at Large John Daley

MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes are approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS

- President:
 - Budget must be approved at the February meeting.
 - Thank you to the MMHS Band.
 - The Volunteer of the Year will be voted on tonight.
 - There will be three presentations: Vietnamese, SAY San Diego, Prop 8 Opposition
 - Board meetings will be on the 2nd Monday in 2009.
 - No board meeting in December.
 - The newsletter deadline is December 15th. Please send all articles to Maria.
- Treasurer:
 - Beginning balance \$85,670.89; Income \$15.46; Expenses \$997.96; Net cash flow \$982.50; Ending balance \$84,688.39.
 - Draft 2009 Budget has been generated and is being reviewed by the Committee.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

- City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen)
 - City Council adopted the amendment to the F109 budget. Closure of the libraries and rec centers will be deferred; the council is looking for a complete analysis of the closures.
 - Community Service Centers will remain open until June 30, 2009; there is one in Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch.
 - The bathrooms at the beaches will be kept open.
 - Fire trucks will not be affected.
 - Comment (Joe) – A plaque was given to Khoa to thank him for all his years of commitment.
- County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

- Khoa is great to work with.
- Today is the deadline for reassess property taxes. The reimbursement will be retroactive. There have been over 20,000 applications for reassessment.
- The county must review the budget as income has decreased drastically. There is a hiring freeze at the moment. The reserves are just enough for this year, but not next fiscal year.
- Price scanning is monitored by the County Supervisor. Wal-Mart has been the worst offender. Call 1-888-TrueScan to report any wrong prices.
- County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Kelley) –
 - Note: Rebecca is no longer with the County supervisor's office
- State Senator Christine Kehoe (Andrew Kennerly, Laura Hein)
 - The governor had a December revision for the state budget due to the growing budget deficit.
 - The budget proposal did not pass.
 - The new legislature was sworn in this afternoon.
 - The budget deficit is \$27 billion.
 - Two third of the legislature must agree to pass the new budget.
 - Question – when will the state cease to function should a budget not be agreed on? Answer – officially, at the end of the fiscal year, but as long as there are funds available, checks can still be cut. Sales taxes and property taxes income has decreased drastically.
- US Representative Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)
 - Thank you for voting for Brian Bilbray.
 - The house will be voting on the Auto bailout/rescue; Brian will vote against it.
 - The new congress will be sworn in on January 6th.
 - Comment – you can sign up to listen to Brian Bilbray's conference calls. They are usually at around 6/7PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are called TeleTownhalls.
 - Brian might be coming by next year.

OPEN FORUM

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Volunteer of the Year selection
 - Ted Brengel and John Daley
 - Has been a tradition since 1984.
 - See November newsletter for biography.
 - The winner is Ted Brengel.
- Tet Festival Jan 17-18 - Dzung Le
 - Dzung Le is the president of the Vietnamese Federation of San Diego.
 - The festival is hosted by the Vietnamese Federation of San Diego, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
 - The festival started in 1985.
 - This is the first time the festival will be held in Mira Mesa.
 - The Mira Mesa Library will be sponsoring a Fine Arts, Flora Designs and Bonsai Exhibit which will feature top Vietnamese artists from San Diego and Orange County.

- There will be a carnival, a culture house, a stage, a food court, volleyball courts, and a soccer tournament.
- Admission will be \$5 per day with in/out access and children 11 and under will be free.
- Please visit www.tetfest.org.
- Question: with the park being so open, how will you charge admission? They will put up fencing; it costs between \$1 to \$1.50 per foot and there is about 2,000 feet. The event will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.
- Jeff Stevens will write the recommendation letter.
- Dzung will return next month to give the Town Council an update.
- Headshops - Kathleen Lippitt, SAY San Diego
 - SAY San Diego is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the positive development of young people, their families and communities in San Diego County. Founded in 1971, SAY has been serving San Diego for over 37 years. SAY's primary services include:
 - Delinquency Prevention and Juvenile Diversion
 - Extended Day Before and After School Programs
 - Family Support and Development
 - Health Promotion
 - Community Development and Collaboration
 - School Readiness and Support
 - Child Abuse Prevention
 - Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Abuse Prevention
 - Mental Health
 - There are two laws concerning illegal sale of paraphernalia. One defines what is considered illegal paraphernalia while the other defines penalties. The headshops (smoke shops) selling these items have increased by 51 percent.
 - Providing treatment should come second to preventing the problems.
- Opposition movement to Prop 8 - Lisa Kove/Charlie Pratt.
 - **Lisa Kove** is a parent of 5 children; 1 17 year old and 15 years old quadruplets. She is the first lesbian to win a precedent setting child support case at the appellate level. She discussed not having a marriage certificate and its related impacts as well as discrimination she faced at work because of being a lesbian. She explained the difference between domestic partnership and a marriage.
 - **Charlie Pratt** is an attorney; he works exclusively pro-bono. He is a gay activist who has been working as a marriage equality volunteer in San Diego for several years. He is also a retired person working as a pro bono attorney largely for disabled and/or elderly clients. He ran through some relevant CA LGBT history including w/ Perez (CA 1948), Loving (US Supreme Court 1967), child custody (CA 1986) and 2nd parent adoption (CA 2004) showing a trajectory that led to the 2008 marriage decision.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS (not all groups will present at every meeting)

- 4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith) – they need \$27,000. This will be the 35th year. Sponsorship forms are available on the town council website www.miramesatowncouncil.com. The meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Senior Center. Casino night will be 4/25 at the Country Inn and Suites. They need help with fund raising and publicity.
- CERT (Kathy Madsen) – they meet the 10th of every month.
- HEROES (Mike Davis)
Paint Station 41 → December 6 at 8 AM at 4914 Carroll Canyon Road – cross street is Mira Mesa Blvd

- Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens) – next meeting is the third Thursday at 7 PM; trails plans will be discussed.
- Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr) – the next meeting is 12/2; the budget will be discussed. The meeting will be at the Senior Center at 7 PM.
- Mira Mesa High School Foundation (Kathy Madsen) – meeting is 12/17. Grants application will be available. Taste of Mira Mesa will be 3/31 at Genco. They are working on putting together a weekly Farmer's Market at the MMHS.
- Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens) – the book group will not meet in December. The next meeting is the last Monday in January at 7 PM in the Library.
- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Courtland Young) – nothing to report.
- Planning Group (Ted Brengel) – no meeting in December. The next meeting will be the Third Tuesday at the Senior Center.
- Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel) – meeting is 12/9 at Lopez Ridge at 7 PM.
- RSVP – Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (John Sunde) – if anyone is shut in and can't leave his/her home, please call RSVP for a visit. If anyone is going on vacation, please call as well. Thirty volunteers are needed.
- Volunteer Recognition Committee (Courtland Young) – Ted Brengel is the Volunteer of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 12th at 6:45 PM at the Senior Center. Unless otherwise scheduled, Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 6:45 PM.

FOLLOWING MEETING

The following regularly scheduled general meeting will be on January 5, 2009 at the Mira Mesa Library. Councilmember Carl DeMaio will be guest speaker.