MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 11, 2006 MMTC MEETING

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Arlette Ballew.
B. Flag Ceremony with Cub Scout Pack 1221 with Pledge of Allegiance.
C. Moment of Silence in remembrance of 9-11 victims.
D. Welcome and board introductions

II. BOARD REPORTS

A. Motion made and carried to approve the minutes of the Aug. 7 meeting (Jeff/Joe).
B. Treasurer's Report: Checking: $ 7,886.59; Savings: $29,676.47; CD/Scholarship: $11,475.07; Street Fair: $20,593.56. Both of the $6,000 grants for the Banner District have been received.

III. OFFICIALS REPORTS

A. Police Department – As of Sept. 9, our new Police Community Relations Officer is Paul Lennon. He is in charge of the entire Northeastern Division, which covers a 122 square mile area. He will try to make as many of the meetings as possible and will send in reports when unable to attend. His number is 858-538-8091.
   - 7300 Panero Pl. robbery: a gun was used while the victim was unloading a car. Be aware of your surroundings and be careful with your purse in a shopping cart. Be sure to secure it ASAP.
   - 10100 Sorrento Valley: there was an attempted rape.
   - Maya Linda robbery: kids attacking another kid. A skateboard and $55 was stolen.
   - There have been several car burglaries. The suspects are in custody. They were found with meth in their van, as well as walkie-talkies, crowbars, etc…

B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen): Brian supports the 121 recommendations overall, that came from the Kroll Report at least until more details are available. The grand opening of Mira Sorrento Place will take place on Fri., Sept. 22 at 11:00AM. This should take some of the traffic off of Mira Mesa Blvd.
C. Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (Jim Brown): They are still in need of more volunteers.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. The board had proposed the first membership dues increase in over 10 years. It would increase the individual dues from $12 to $20 and spouse/senior dues from $6 to $10. The business rate was already increased this year to $50. This had been brought up at the August meeting. Jeff made the motion to increase the dues and it was seconded by Chuck. Jon took an audible vote and the motion passed. The increase will be effective immediately.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Street Fair Advertising (Pat Brown): This year we have had a dip of 59 vendors from previous Street Fairs who felt that there were not enough customers. Pat

was able to replace many of them and has spoken with the chairs of other Street Fairs regarding the benefits of advertising. Due to the fact that we have many more sponsors this year than in previous years, we can afford to spend some extra money on advertising. An ad in the Union Tribune Night & Day section to run on Thurs., Sept. 28 and Fri., Sept. 29 would be $790.00 per day. The first motion made (Jon/Beth) was to advertise in the Union-Tribune. This motion was carried. The second motion made (Jeff/Tom) was to advertise for the two days. This also passed.

VI. MAIN PROGRAM - Back to School Night

A. SDUSD Middle & Elementary School Superintendent – Dr. Chelsea Smith is the Area 2 supervisor for K-8. This area covers Mira Mesa & Scripps Ranch.

B. SDUSD Assistant Superintendent – Nellie Meyer is the recently appointed high school superintendent that includes the Mira Mesa & Scripps Ranch areas.

C. Mira Mesa High School - Principal Jeff Olivero stated that their main goal is to prepare kids to be competitive and to be prepared for adulthood. The school recently received a $20,000 grant for security cameras . They now have 16 cameras throughout the campus.

D. Scripps Ranch High School – Principal Donna Campbell said that their focus for the beginning of this school year had been to make a smooth transition for the new freshmen and help them find their way around campus, how to study, and how to prepare for classes. They recently installed a new artificial football field surface.

E. Jennifer Kvalvik, the MMHS community-outreach and services coordinator is proposing that students attend the town council meetings and serve on committees as part of their community service hours. She can be reached at Jkvalvik@sandi.net.

F. Ericson Elementary School – Principal Linette daRosa stated that although her school has been a California Distinguished School and received a Title 1 Achievement Award, enrollment is declining. The emphasis at Ericson is on parental support. They hold mini sessions on technology, math, etc… They need additional volunteers.

G. Good Shepherd Catholic School – Principal Christine Corpora has been at Good Shepherd since 1986. This year they started a prayer chain, a banking program, a yearbook committee, and a student store.

H. Sandburg Elementary – Principal Laurie Hinzman says that there is a strong family community at Sandburg. They are holding cross grade-level chats. Their API went up an impressive 26 points. The big program is campus beautification and networking with the community.

I. Hickman Elementary School – Principal Dr. Dianette Mitchell-Ricks stated that Hickman had a great opening this year with very active parents. Their PTA group even held meetings during the summer. The school's new program is an emphasis on early primary education for Kindergartners who could use an extra year. They are also piloting a new standards based report card.

J. Mason Elementary School – Principal Penny Simmons stated that even with a large ESL population, they had good test scores. Enrollment is also dropping at

Mason. They are in the process of removing some bungalows that weren't safe and refurbishing others. This year's focus is on good behavior characteristics. Mason will be holding an international pot luck in October.

K. Christ The Cornerstone Academy – Principal Lark Mayeski talked about the three main goals for this year. In the school, the focus will be on Math and they will hold a family Math Night in October. In the community, the school has adopted grandparents for each class who will share some important life lessons with the children and attend chapel services with them. In the world, a new "Passport to Missions" program has been adopted. Ten different countries have been chosen. The classes will be learning about these countries and their missions and chapel donations will be sent to them. The school is actively working to be a "bully-free" campus.

L. The Charter School of San Diego – Director of Operations Charlotte Fajardo and Resource Coordinator Debbie Giaquinta addressed the meeting. They are a fully accredited school and have been a part of Mira Mesa since 1994. There are 17 other locations but are all part of one school. The school started as a dropout prevention program for students at risk. They help them get back on track and eventually able to return to their own school. The Charter School uses the university model of independent study with students taking one to two classes at a time and meeting in class at the school only once or twice a week. Attendance is based on work product.

M. Miramar College – Vice President of Student Services Peter White & Public Information Officer Sandi Trevisan addressed the meeting. The college is growing in both enrollment and in facilities. New this year is a Fitness Specialist program, a men's basketball team, and a men and women's competitive swimming team. Twenty-four new faculty and staff have been added. Miramar College is breaking ground on a new Field House Gymnasium that will be a shared facility with Hourglass Park. They are hoping for a completion date of Fall 2008. A new 100,000 square foot library and resource building is expected to be completed sometime in 2009.

N. Challenger Middle School – Principal Lamont Jackson started his second year at Challenger. Some good news is that drama, art, and computer are back. The school's focus this year is on personal management with rigorous assessment.

O. Wangenheim Middle School – Principal Robert Grano and several PTSA reps were present. Wangenheim has a high parent/teacher involvement. They have initiated a character education program. There are two accountability systems used to measure test scores: API which is a state measurement and AYP which is federal. Wangenheim had the third highest scores for a comprehensive middle school in the district with an API of 816. Their AYP met all annual measurable objectives to be rated as proficient or advanced, however they didn't make one of the participation rates regarding students on IEP's with modifications required for taking the test. Those students don't count as having taken the test even though they did. Wangenheim is a Title 1 funded school. They have great electives including wood/metal shop, music, band, computer, photography, drama, and art.

Due to the fact that after the principals left the meeting, there were only a few members left, committee reports were skipped and the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

The Sept. 14 board meeting was cancelled in favor of the Street Fair meeting that same night.

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Davis