

**Mira Mesa Town Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Call to order (7:02 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting (January, 2015) – approved.**
- 4) Acknowledgement of Business Sponsor (refreshments) – Mathnasium and Dignity Memorial**
  - a) Mathnasium (Archi Kapoor) is “math for the mind” – like a gym for math. New business – currently have ~15 kids. Mathnasium is a franchise with 565 locations. Started by Larry Martinique. Provides tutoring services. Tailored to needs of students. Help with homework and school work.
- 5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
  - a) SDFD – Officer Holder. Battalion Chief. Was Captain in Mira Mesa for 5 years. Fire station is being remodeled, but there is a problem with water coming from an unknown source. Water safety: kids are fascinated by water. 5 gallon bucket can be a death trap for small children. Left brochure with water safety tips. Pulse Point smartphone software is specific to your area. Shows calls in progress. Pings people who know CPR. Easier to do CPR than you might think.
- 6) Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa and Tournament of Roses Parade Invitation – Maria**
  - a) MMHS band will be representing all of Southern California in the Rose Parade. 200 kids will be going. Need to raise funds. Doing fundraisers. Tickets will be available.
  - b) Maria introduced Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Isabella McFarland. First appearance was at Tet Festival, tomorrow at One San Diego. May 16-17 team at Relay for Life. Need enough members to fill 24 hours. Also going to Linda Vista parade. Need convertible.
- 7) Mira Mesa Schools – John Lee Evans**
  - a) Remember being in library in 2007. Good to be back. Invitation to Tournament of Roses is big deal. Very active ASB at high school. School Board members have full time jobs. Mira Mesa has some of the best schools in district. Fact check found to be true. Number of kids who attend their neighborhood school highest in District. Built in diversity. Test scores high. Need to get together with real estate people and educate them on the quality of schools. September of this year first students at Salk. Important to integrate Salk in with other schools. Mid-1980’s had multi-track year round schools. Don’t want that to happen again in 2020’s. Salk fits neatly into southwest part of community. Changed boundaries so that there would not be too many students at one school, too few at another. Brought to cluster council. Hage Elementary was in an unusual situation because initially students could go to Scripps Ranch High. New principal at Salk grew up in Mira Mesa and went to Mira Mesa schools and was principal at Mason elementary. ~40 schools currently on year round schedule. Left over from times past when there wasn’t enough capacity. Moving all schools to traditional schedule. Costs some money

due to timing of moving teachers to new schedule. 2015-16 all MM schools will be traditional schedule. Will offer summer programs. Question: Salk school is done – what about outside soccer field. Joe – will be setting up as joint use area. Discussion about swimming pools at next Planning Group meeting. Again, looking for joint use. Question: at the high school some of the bungalows don't have air conditioning. Air conditioning is included in current approved bond measure, and will be coming. School choice program – trying to get into Scripps Ranch. Not enough room. Some schools do choice with lottery. Ted thanks JLE for being so accessible to us. Ted notes that Cluster Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of good information and input to school district. At MMHS library.

- b) Ted – long piece on channel 8 on MMHS couple who have had 20 foster children. Ted's grandson's teacher.

## **8) Pre-Planning – Beth Ison, El Camino Memorial Park.**

- a) Brought lumpia.
- b) Need to prepare in advance for funeral arrangements. No one wants to talk about it. Otherwise leave burden to loved ones. Job is to educate people on pre-planning. 10 years. Provide dinner to distribute information.

## **9) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives**

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Congratulates MMHS band. Congratulates Andy and Alex for Tet Festival. Open spot on parking board. Encourages people to volunteer for City advisory Boards.
- b) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – Lives close by. Recognized MMHS Band and Tet Festival. Scott released 6 point plan. Congress passed one week extension of Homeland Security. Introduced No Homeland Security, No Pay act. Seminars at MM Senior Center March 10. Question: Under HIPAA parents could manage health care for children up to age 10. When she turned 11 authority was taken away. HIPAA is really backward law. Tricare – Scott needs to understand. Big change for retired military. Howard will look into these issues.
- c) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 (Rob Knudsen) – Toni Atkins will remain speaker of the house. Good to have someone from San Diego. Brian and cosponsors are proposing that the freeway between Mercy and Lake Hodges be renamed Tony Gwynn memorial freeway. Pam – stories that State Park system needs to be reorganized to make more money. Parks aren't supposed to make money. Rob will check into it.
- d) State Senator Marty Block, District 39 (Joyce Temporal) – SB15 promotes affordability for students if students finish in 4 years. Question: why the 4 year requirement?  
Tet Festival (Andy Nguyen) – 10<sup>th</sup> year. Honor to have event in Mira Mesa. Thank Senior Center for working with us. Police estimated ~15,000 people. Lots of good comments about event in general and entertainment. Contestant #8 was the pageant winner.

## **10) Government and Community Resources**

- a) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Meeting on second Tuesday of month at Lopez Ridge. Sunday daylight savings starts. April 18<sup>th</sup> VOY dinner. May 23<sup>rd</sup> Top Gun tournament. Don't go to any restaurants that weekend. May 30 MM Got Talent and D6 Night Market.
- b) Planning Group – Jeff Stevens. Vote will be first item of business at start of meeting on Monday, March 16. Election committee will check in people, comparing with list of general members and checking ID, then handing out ballots. Voting members should remain until votes

are counted in case there is a tie. 200 word statements from all candidates will be emailed to all general members.

c) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Chairman. Taste of Mira Mesa is a huge money maker for all schools. Silent auction. 10<sup>th</sup> annual at UCSD faculty club. Tickets on sale at tonight's meeting. Includes a drink ticket. More formal. 5-9 on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

d) Ted – noted that the list of organizations people can volunteer for in the newsletter missed the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol. RSVP does You are not alone, vacation house checks.

### **11) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements**

a) Treasurer's Report - deferred

b) Membership – Lainie. Great month for membership. Welcomed new members including Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa. Wants to encourage high school students and young people to join and participate. Celebrate school achievements. Also welcome Archie and Beth, new business members who provided refreshments.

### **12) Recognition of Community Groups in attendance**

a) Jaren Stewart – senior at MMHS. Introduced MMHS rugby team. Started 3 years ago. Now #3 ranked in division. Host men's and women's teams. Graduates have gone on to play Rugby at Collegiate level. In Las Vegas placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in world tournament. Rugby is like football without any pads. "Has been my passion, looking for others to continue when I leave to go to college."

b) Andy Nguyen – Jake Pham is UCSD new grad in computer science, also director of Tet this year. Created a new VAYA app.

c) Ted – TOMM – be sure to seek out the MMHS culinary department. Go hungry because there is lots of food. Free parking.

d) Pam – VOY dinner will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, Country Inn and Suites, honoring Julius Hitchens, Mira Mesa All Star.

e) Donna – if you would like business highlighted in newsletter send info to [newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org](mailto:newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org).

f) Joe - March 21 – oil recycling,

### **13) Adjournment (9 p.m.)**