

MMTC GENERAL MEETING
November 2, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Troop 1212 Presented the Colors

- Pledge of Allegiance
- 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
 - Parliamentarian Vacant
 - Newsletter Editor Maria Pankau
 - Member at Large Marlon Austria
 - Member at Large Jon Labaw
 - Member at Large Sandy Smith
 - Member at Large John Daley
- President Jeff Stevens announced that Parliamentarian Debbie Vincent had resigned just prior to the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Minutes Corrections:
 - Addition: none
 - Alteration: none
- Minutes are approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS

- President:
 - On agenda tonight – 1) County Treasurer/Tax Collector Dan McAllister; 2) MMTC Board 2010 elections
 - Upcoming events – 1) Nathan Fletcher to be at the Mira Mesa Library Nov. 3, 6-7:30; 2) Carl DeMaio to host disaster preparedness workshop on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Senior Center; 3) Mira Mesa High Band Tournament all day Nov. 7.
 - Volunteer of the Year nominations requested. Accepted through Nov. 10. Three nominations received to date.
 - Received a request from someone doing a report on stories of ghosts possibly related to a bus crash on Montongo. Request comments from anyone who has heard such stories.
 - Donation checks presented to the Halloween Carnival (Chuck Sweet), Band Tournament Trophy Sponsor (Maria for MMIMB), and AFJROTC. Many thanks to JROTC for their help at Street Fair.
- Treasurer:
 - Beginning balance \$89,381; Income \$4,053; Expenses \$6,734; Net cash flow \$(2,682); Ending balance \$86,699. Negative income due to payment of Street Fair expenses
- Membership: Anyone attending tonight who is not a member, please join.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

- Police Department (Officer Susan Steffen)
 - Problems with car thefts – people leaving valuables in car getting stolen.

- Don't leave anything of value visible in car
- There has been a problem in Sabre Springs with fatalities in 3 separate incidents, including one case where a 63 year old was run over on the sidewalk by someone under the influence of meth.
- A problem house in Mira Mesa has been reported by neighbors and is being monitored.
- Call (619) 531-2000 to report problems.
- Question - One resident reported 70 kids in an abandoned house and could not get police response. Answer – response depends on priority list. May have been something else more urgent at the time.
- City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)
 - Public safety forum next week, Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Senior Center.
 - Fiscal town hall December 3 at the Senior Center. The Mayor's proposed budget will be out by then. He has asked all departments to achieve 27% budget cuts. There will probably be a proposal to close at least one library in the 5th district.
 - Salk Elementary School is in litigation – the City Attorney is checking on getting the site removed from litigation.
- State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)
 - Assemblyman Fletcher will be at the library tomorrow (later cancelled as he had to stay in Sacramento – will be rescheduled)
 - Water Policy Crisis
 - The legislature could cast votes on water policy and bond bills as early as tomorrow. The plan to address the state's water storage and supply needs and make fixes to the environmentally damaged Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has been split into two parts – a policy bill that requires a majority vote and a \$9.4 billion water bond that must be approved by a 2/3 vote.
 - State's tax withholding bump-up starts today
 - California is giving itself a "cash advance" by increasing withholding so that it gets money now to be reimbursed to taxpayers when they pay taxes next year. Tax withholding will increase 10% for the rest of the year. Assemblyman Fletcher opposed the bill. Individuals can reverse this by submitting a new W-4 to decrease withholding, but few will.

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

- Halloween Carnival – Chuck Sweet said the Halloween Carnival was very successful a that there were over 250 kids in attendance.
- Newsletter (Maria Pankau) – Newsletter deadline is 11/19.
- Chuck Sweet would like to get a monument of some sort to recognize Orlando Vernacchia's contributions to the community. The concept was approved on unanimous vote.
- Monster Manor – Joe Frichtel would like to find out why the Fire Department took the roof off of Monster Manor.
- There will be electronics recycling for free at Scripps Ranch High School on 11/7.
- Planning Group – Hillery DAR meeting on 11/10 at Qualcomm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Guest speaker Dan McAllister introduced himself. He is the person who collects your property taxes. Last week started to send money back to people who were due money back due to changes in ownership or construction. Worked to improve format of tax bill – much friendlier now. 12 million tax bills were issued. Would like to go green and switch to electronic payment. Costs money, however, due to credit card and other collection fees. At least everything mailed out is recyclable. Property tax timing is awkward –

- scheduled at the worst time for many people: 1) just before Christmas, and 2) at the same time as income taxes are due. Contact Dan McAllister's assistant at (619) 531-5231.
- o MMTC Board Election – Since the Parliamentarian resigned prior to the meeting, Pam Stevens gave the nominating committee report and nominated slate. The nominees are:
 - o President: Ted Brengel
 - o First Vice President (Programs): Pam O'Donohoe
 - o Second Vice President (Membership): Maria Pankau
 - o Treasurer: Jeff Stevens
 - o Parliamentarian: Jon Labaw
 - o Recording Secretary: Hang Chau
 - o Newsletter Editor: Bari Vaz
 - o Board Members at Large:
 - Marlon Austria
 - John Daley
 - Sandy Smith
 - Karen Burger
 - o The nominating committee recommended this slate with the exception that Hang Chau has been a member for less than 30 days and so is not yet eligible to be a Board member, so election of that position was deferred until December.
 - o Maria Pankau nominated Debbie Vincent for President.
 - o The nominating committee slate excluding President and Recording Secretary were elected by unanimous (25-0) vote.
 - o Members were instructed to use their voting cards as ballots for President. Ballots were collected and counted by John Daley, Arlette Ballew and Bari Vaz. Ted Brengel was elected President (22-3).
 - o President Jeff Stevens asked Jon Labaw to take over Parliamentarian duties for the remainder of 2009.

OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting: **Monday, November 9 at 6:45 PM** at the Senior Center. This will be a joint meeting of the 2009 and 2010 Boards.

FOLLOWING MEETING

The following regularly scheduled general meeting will be **on December 7, 2009** at the Mira Mesa Library.