

Pacific Partnerships  
August 14, 2007 meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 630p by vice chair Glenda

**In Attendance:** Glenda, Marlene, Leanne, Valorie, Arlene, Frank, Dr. Jim, Terry, Ann

Guests: new members Mahina Paaao and Shawna Creed

Minutes of the July 10 meeting: accepted as read

Presentations: none

**Reports:**

**Treasurers:** Checking account balance \$4628.05

**Marketing/ Membership-** Leanne asked that we send pictures, stories etc to Darrel ASAP as the next Pacific Pulse is to be distributed in September. We especially need a good picture of Princess Brittany on her ATV float in the parade.

**Pacific Days Recap:** Please submit to Ann a short written report to be added to a complete Recap report. The following are general statements made during this portion of tonight's meeting

**Budget-** Total income \$5952.30, expenses \$4596.00 so as of August 14, 2007 there is a profit of \$1356.30.

**Entertainment:** The car bash was a great success. We used both cars. Valley Towing apologized for not having all glass removed. A suggestion was made to have a LARGE tarp under the car next time.

The carnival games need to be moved in closer. We need move volunteers so those working can have shorter shifts. We need games for older kids i.e. skateboard, bike obstecale course.

The band Los Orchids was good. A suggestion was made to have only two big raffle drawings, 1 during the day and another right before the dance so to get people back to the park. Leanne has a CD from a Christian Rock band to consider for next year. A battle of the bands was again suggested and that all music/ entertainers be pre-screened. Our soundman Steven Woods is available and willing to do so.

Sunday morning event had low attendance. A suggestion was made to invite local churches to hold their services at the park that Sunday. Maybe have all day Sunday be a Christian music setting.

The best activity was the Home Depot folks and they want to come back again next year.

The food eating contests went well. Next year we need some for adult participation.

**Princess Float:** Having two floats worked out well. Having the past princesses ride on one float or ride in another car highlights our present Princess. Princess Brittany was in the Algona parade. It is up to her parents to decide in which parades she is entered. Teri should have given that information to Brittany's parents. Ann has Brittany's Savings Bond and will contact Teri to get that to her as neither Glenda nor Ann has Brittany's address. Arlene said earlier that the Daffodil Festival contacted her about being in our Pacific Days parade next year. Discussion was held as to storing our float. A-1 Storage wants \$65 a month. Terry suggested we check if we can park, our float in the fenced area near the Senior bus is parked.

**Kids Parade:** The helmet dilemma was solved when Valley Medical distributed helmets at the beginning of the parade to those needing them and then they were adjusted at the Park. A BIG thank you to the Seniors who paid for those helmets so all the kids could safely be a part of the parade. Also thanks to our Seniors, all the kids enjoyed ice cream while waiting for the parade to begin. A suggestion was made to judge the bikes before the parade begins and then announce the winner at the park.

**Grand Parade:** Staging was out of line. Suggestions were made we get rid of the walkie-talkies; staging on Frontage Rd is one side odd numbers, the other side even numbers, then the parade officials can just point to the next person to go; we need live music. Now that we have a set date, it should be easier to get a small military band.

**Parking:** Dr Jim reports the parking went well as the grass was painted and so was easy for the Scouts to direct traffic. UA Local 32 offered to provide cones again next year (thank you Leanne). Taping off special spots for the Blood Mobile and such was very successful. A big thank you to Pacific Partnerships from the Scout Troop. They raised \$300. The emergency services bus is now signed up with the Valley SWAT to be used in times of need.

**Partnership booth:** Valorie is very proud of everyone. The prize storage was a little messy & so we need a better way of storing the prizes. Better communication is needed; there was some confusion when the "prices" of the prizes was cut. Terry suggested we keep food donations for the Giving Tree.

**Sponsors:** Leanne asked if anyone has pictures of the sponsors so thank you plaques can be made up. Thank you cards are still being written up, but Ann ran out and will get more. Discussion was made about having bi-fold cards printed up with our logo on the front and our mailing address & web site on the back. Someone (Leanne?, sorry I did not write it down) will contact Darrel to get the logo and check into prices. Kathy told Ann there was some confusion about the marketing forms being so near the raffles. People were hesitant to fill them out. The winner of the \$100 gift card is Aaron Adams.

**Signage:** All signs are down. Mayor Rich says that we can use any utility poles that have the hardware on them for any signs we need now. He told Glenda that Princess Brittany's parents have a vinyl cutter, so we will look into the size and the price of vinyl to make signs for our other events.

**Vendors:** Vendors want better flow. We feel that vendors that have been with us for years should get preference setting no matter when they get their application in. Darrel has the feedback notes and will send them to Ann as soon as he can. In addition, vendors need to be screened better. One seemed to be a gimmick.

Marlene submitted a report from the Senior Board- many items of which have already been discussed.

1. Layout of the park needs to be more defined (we do not need to use the entire park).
2. A parade marching band.
3. Music too raunchy- thankful that situation was taken care of quickly.
4. Better traffic flow.
5. Provide an entrance point.
6. More City Department (Fire and Police) participation and visibility at the park.
7. Remember to ask the \$10,000. Hotel tax next year.
8. Thanks to the Partnership for the proceeds of the City Wide Garage Sale.

**Citywide Garage Sale-** Dates Saturday & Sunday, September 8 & 9 from 9am to 5pm. Shawna has been handing out flyers. We already have three people signed up. The Seniors will be selling hot dogs and baked goods. Sign up information is at the Post Office.

**Old Business:**

**501c3-** Ann reported Jay has filed the paperwork with the IRS. Jay paid the \$300 filing fee as a donation to the Partnerships. We should have word back from them in a few weeks.

**New Business:**

1. Christmas Lighting Ceremony and Giving Tree- Leanne volunteered to Chair this committee. Arlene & Frank will be a part of that.
2. Next Partnerships social will be a barbeque/ potluck on Saturday, September 22 in Glenda's new back yard. Time will be announced at our next meeting.

**Roundtable:**

1. Dr Jim submitted a request from the Boy Scout troop for \$200 to build a lockable container on a trailer to carry gasoline and generator for the Emergency Bus. This will allow more room to carry more food and get the gasoline out of the enclosed space. There are volunteer welders and workers standing by to begin work.
2. Officer elections will be held at the October general meeting. Ann will be contacting everyone to inquire which office you are interested in running for. This is for the 2008- 2010 positions.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 630pm at the Senior Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm