

## PTA General Meeting Notes, 11/17/16

Thanks to those who attended the PTA meeting on November 17th! It was very productive as we continue to make great strides in moving forward. Here is a brief recap:

The PTA has retained Union Township attorney and resident, Steven Margolis, of The Margolis Law Firm, to represent UTS in all legal matters going forward. He was voted in by the PTA General Assembly, whereupon a conference call was held. Steven introduced himself, provided his background and associated work experience, as well as answered general questions posed by those in attendance. He has graciously offered to provide his services on a *pro bono* basis.

We then moved to a discussion of two new PTA documents which outline Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the UTS PTA. A copy of these(\*) can be found on the PTA website by the end of the week:

- Union Township School District PTA-Financial Code Document\*
- Committee Chair Checklists\*
- A discussion regarding a potential SOP for Homeroom Parents is on the agenda for our next meeting.
- We welcome any questions or comments on these documents as they are considered "live" and will be updated as necessary.  
A detailed review of the PTA Budget for 2015/2016 was conducted before it was approved. This included a discussion regarding results from our latest fundraisers such as the Scholastic Book Fair, Coupon Books, Box Tops, and the Fun Run.
- The Fun Run proceeds, totaling \$10,330, are dedicated to the UTES Outdoor Pavilion Project and to UTMS to purchase technical equipment for the theater and music program.
- The Outdoor Classroom Committee is currently being formed to oversee the project. A status report will be provided by the Committee Chair at our next PTA meeting.
- A huge thank you to Carrie Minsavage and all the Homeroom Parents for doing such a fantastic job with our Box Top Raffle! This event occurred over the two days during Parent-Teacher conferences. There were lots of exciting baskets up for grabs; congratulations to all the basket winners!

On the horizon, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Initiative is underway. A 'Proposal for the First-ever Union Township STEM Competition' was created by a Union Township parent. To gauge interest, a STEM survey will be emailed, and if there is sufficient interest in the project, the PTA will pursue it. Your participation is appreciated.

Finally, as we gear up for the holidays, plans for fun Kids Night Out activities in December are in motion. Watch for emails on the following:

- Breakfast with Santa on December 5th
- 5/6 Grade Roller Skating Party in Frenchtown on December 9th
- 'Minions Movie Night' at UTES with a snack. This is a small fundraiser allowing parents a few hours to get their holiday shopping/wrapping done!! Date to be confirmed.

Please plan to join us for our next PTA Meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7PM! This will be a cookie swap, as well. Save time baking this holiday season by bringing 3 dozen cookies to swap, and go home with 3 dozen new ones.