



PTA General Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 28th, 2016 @ UTES Cafeteria, 7pm

1. Opening

- a. Robin called the meeting to order.
 - i. Petra Sharif motioned.
 - ii. Jeaneen Vega seconded the motion.

2. 2016-2017 Budget Review

- a. There was a question from Petra about the drop in PTA membership, along with a suggestion that we launch a paper campaign to reach out to parents about joining. Another suggestion was made to have the room moms contact class parents about joining.
- b. Julie Korson requested that the PTA board announce when the audit of the PTA books is complete.
- c. Another suggestion was to make it clearer to parents how much money is made from each PTA event and what that money funds for the kids. Many parents are not aware how much the PTA contributes to the kids' educations and school experience.
- d. Approval of the budget
 - i. Motion by Jeaneen Vega.
 - ii. Seconded by Mirella Bennett.

3. Board Nominations for Open Positions

- a. **Treasurer -- Anna Shustack**
 - i. Motion by Melissa Hoffman.
 - ii. Seconded by Tara Trego.
- b. **VP of Elementary School -- Jeaneen Vega**
 - i. Motion by Mirella Benett.
 - ii. Seconded by Tara Nagabhyru.

4. Mini-Grants

- a. Because the teachers' contract is still not finalized, the teachers are not submitting mini-grant requests yet for supplies/assemblies to complement their curriculum. It was suggested that Sheri Laman ask Dr. Hoffman to request those supplies and/or assemblies so that the kids are not missing out.
- b. It was also suggested that we launch a program similar to Gallery Time, where class moms/volunteers would make presentations to the class in lieu of assemblies for the time being.

5. KidStuff Books

- a. After trying a new coupon book last year, we are going back to the original KidStuff books.
- b. The cost for each book is \$25, of which the PTA will receive \$12.50 (50%).

6. Upcoming School Events

- a. Costume Carnival
 - i. When: Friday, October 28th
 - ii. Who: Grades 5 through 8
 - iii. Coordinator: Melissa Hoffman
- b. Trunk or Treat
 - i. When: Saturday, October 29th
 - ii. Who: Grades K through 4
 - iii. Coordinator: Maria Moreno

- c. Breakfast with Santa
 - i. When: Saturday, December 3rd
 - ii. Who: Grades K through 4
 - iii. Coordinator position OPEN
 - 1. Marilyn McNiece is willing to take on the décor for this event but needs others to step up and help with other aspects, such as food ordering/pick-up, volunteer coordination, etc.
 - 2. If no volunteers come forward, it will be cancelled.

7. Samantha Suchovic Memorial Scholarship

- a. The PTA is revamping the scholarship that has historically been awarded to 3 8th graders (\$100 each). New criteria will be defined in order to honor Samantha Suchovic each year.

8. Restitution

- a. Crystal Bernat was sentenced in June, and her first payment for the PTA's restitution was due on August 1st. That payment never happened.
- b. Robin is working with TD Bank to recoup the \$4,000 that was lost due to the forged check.
- c. Robin is also contacting the PTA insurance company to see if they can help us recoup any funds, as well.

9. Class Parents

- a. Mirella Bennett announced the class parents.
- b. The PTA board will create a form that class moms will distribute to each child in their homeroom to encourage membership in the PTA and to collect contact information.

10. Fundraising Ideas

- a. Volley for Veterans
 - i. This event would be similar to the basketball event but will be run by student groups, and the proceeds will benefit a Veteran-based charity.
 - 1. The Middle School Honor Society is responsible for selecting the charity.
 - 2. The Student Council is broken into 3 groups, whose responsibilities are:
 - a. Planning the event
 - b. Making cards/community component
 - c. Creating posters/advertisements
 - ii. All fall athletes from grades 6 through 8 would be invited to participate.
 - iii. We would assemble a teacher team and possibly a parent team, if the teacher contract has not been finalized by then.
 - iv. There's a possibility to duplicate this event with kick ball in the spring.
- b. Local Business Coupons
 - i. Clinton Township has run a successful fundraiser where local businesses (i.e., Just Chill, Tirpok's cleaners, Gronsky's) offer coupons that can be used repeatedly over the course of the year.
 - ii. Each set of coupons would cost \$20, and the PTA would receive \$12.
- c. Spirit Wear
 - i. This would be a small fundraiser; it's more of a school spirit initiative.
 - ii. This is in addition to the usual Destination Athlete spirit wear; the items would be somewhat different, though, and there would be smaller sizes available for our youngest students.
 - iii. The fundraising company recommends charging \$1 or \$2 more for each item, and the PTA would keep that difference.
 - iv. The timing on this would be so that the items would arrive in time to be holiday gifts.
 - v. Lisa Coster is running this.
- d. Interim Meeting
 - i. We will hold an interim meeting in 10 days to formally vote in the Treasurer and VP of Elementary School positions.

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to end the meeting by Jeaneen Vega.
- b. Seconded by Laura Joiner.