

RC Hinsdale PTA
General Membership Meeting
Google Meet Video Conference
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Present: President Jackie Schlotterbeck, Vice President Membership Thelma Post, Vice President Communications Danielle Reinhart, Vice President Programs & Grants Beth Wise, Secretary Stacey Cammack, Treasurer Katie Panaro, Kyle Chevalier, Brittany Foster, Jenny Bunnell, Clare Cross, Elisabeth Chiang, Emily Durstock, Nadine Vieth, Alexis Bullock, Gena Hall, Angie Smith, Janet Watson, Brittany Daniels

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jackie Schlotterbeck at 8:01pm.

Sign-In & Quorum

A quorum was established.

Budget

Katie Panaro presented the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2020. This budget was based off pre-pandemic year budgets. The Scripps Fundraiser had income of \$4235 and Spirit Wear came in at \$4059.

\$422.04 has been spent in teacher start up funds. Teacher wish list requests have been received and fulfilled for approximately 8 – 10 teachers up to this point. \$995 has been used from the Curriculum Enhancements budget for Generation Genius. We currently have outstanding checks in the amount of \$334.92. If at any point we need to amend the budget we will start with the Executive Committee and move through the approval process from there. Jackie requested we file this Treasurer's Report for audit.

Approval of General Membership Meeting Minutes

Jackie Schlotterbeck presented minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting. Beth Wise motioned to approve the minutes. Second by Emily Durstock. Motion passed unanimously.

PTA Overview

Jackie Schlotterbeck stated that the Bylaws and Standing Rules were sent out at the beginning of the year. Also, they are posted on Memberhub. She reviewed events that have been executed year to date such as staff appreciation events, google classroom activities, restaurant nights, Scripps gift card event for teachers, approval of Go Noodle as well as the purchase of Generation Genius for all students/classroom use. All names of students who contributed were put on the cards, so teachers were aware of who participated. Memberhub also has a calendar showing all meetings and events and can provide reminders as well. We are still planning to execute Valentine's Day parties. We are not sure exactly what that will look like at this point. We are still waiting to receive information on what we can and cannot do from school. The PTA is still in need of a VP of Fundraising. Next year this role will be

especially important. Also, Fifth Grade Promotion is still in need of a chair as well. It is usually a fourth-grade parent. Traditionally, that committee and chair does student silhouettes, the promotion program, balloon arch and a class tee shirt. Kyle Chevalier will send an e-blast out to request volunteers. Those indications of interest should be sent to Beth Wise.

Membership

Jackie reported that we currently have 99 members. There was a flyer created before Christmas that will we intend to send home with students next week.

Castleman's Corner

Mr. Kyle Chevalier reported that return to in-person learning has gone very well. He shares the Covid testing data dashboard information. Hinsdale can accommodate more students due to the open pod setting. There will be no MAP testing this month. Testing should resume in the spring. The Spelling Bee will be held soon for fourth and fifth grade students. Also, basketball will begin a modified schedule in late February. Mr. Horine and Mrs. Kiefer started a running club for fourth and fifth grade students. That is also scheduled to begin in February. Additionally, he thanked the PTA for donuts and coffee for the staff upon returning to school.

Programs & Grants

Beth Wise stated that we did not receive any of the grants that we applied for. We will apply for more as availability permits. The KY PTA is hosting a student essay/story/poem contest. That information will be shared with our teachers. Each school PTA can submit five entries. Also, The Krista McCullough award information will be shared with our teachers. They can submit student nominations for the award. All information is on the KY PTA website. We had three participants in the Getty Museum Challenge. There will be a STEM challenge next.

Communications

Danielle Reinhart reported that we are trying to improve engagement through social media. She mentioned possibly posting contests such as "show us your spirit wear" and awarding prizes. Originally, the intent was to send the newsletter out monthly. Due to the pandemic environment and our events being reduced (due to no in-person events) we have not had enough content to send it at that frequency.

VP of Volunteers Update

Liz Chiang informed us that we have 13 volunteers sign up to be room parents. Most teachers have been assigned a room parent. We will continue to plan for Valentine's Day parties. Instead of having "pod parents" as we have in the past, we are having a lead parent due to the low number of volunteers. Also, there have been discussions regarding having a party in the spring in place of the holiday party (because school was all virtual in December).

Staff Appreciation

Jenny Bunnell reported that we are attempting to reward our staff as frequently as possible. We would like to make the staff appreciation week special this year due to the environment. We are trying to get food donated and buy more single serving items. We would like to offer a sign up for families and businesses associated with school requesting sponsors. The idea is the family or sponsor can donate a specific amount through Memberhub to purchase a specific item (i.e., 60 sandwiches, etc.). Jenny would like to run announcements as soon as possible to connect with parents for possible connections and sponsorships. The goal is to reward the teachers bigger than ever and still include the parents even though we cannot be in the building.

Spirit Wear

Brittany Foster informed us that we have new spirit wear items. There is a red long sleeve tee with a white patriot logo as well as a blue long sleeve tee with the patriot pride saying on the back.

Adjournment

Liz Chiang made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Danielle Reinhart seconded. The motion carried. Jackie Schlotterbeck adjourned the meeting at 9:14pm.

Submitted by Stacey Cammack, RC Hinsdale PTA Secretary