

Carpenter Elementary PTO General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Kym Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Kym announced that she wanted everyone to know that the PTO Board Meetings are open to everyone to come dive into the nitty-gritty of decisions, and that the General Membership Meetings are for relaying information only.

Several appointed PTO positions remain open to fill:

- PTOC – over-arching body to assist PTO
- PTO Thrift – helps fund PTO
- Yearbook – Kathy Owens and Mandy Hall did it last year

Shannon Dunn will meet with the teachers at their first meeting every month to stay in the loop.

Kym invited Principal Johnson to make his Principal report.

Michael stated that the focus this year is on Building our Community.

- October 4, 2017 from 5:30pm-7:30pm – Parent Forum
 - Dinner will be served
 - Childcare is provided
- Thank you for choosing us as your school!
- Every child has been assessed in reading and math in school to date.

Niki Coatney gave a brief synopsis of the 2017 Fun Run, and stated that we will do it BIG! Talk it up and make people aware. Parents are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the Fun Run and to sign up to help during their child's running time.

Kathy Owens and Laura O'Leary are in charge of Fundraising.

- The Vendor and Craft Fair is scheduled for November 2017, and that 13 booths have already signed up. She would like to get more crafters signed up before allowing more vendors in so that there is a good mix of both.
- Carnival is in the Spring 2018, and we still need a chairperson. It may seem early, but things need to start early to have a good carnival.

Michelle Read sat in to talk about PTO Thrift as there is not a chair currently, even though her child now attends Scarlett.

- Need someone to fill this position.
- The transportation funding previously given to the school no longer exists from the PTO Thrift due to budget restraints.
- Show Your Support dates no longer exist, either. Those supported things like Science Olympiad, Science Fair, and other things.

- There is a Veteran's Day sale that we are selling tickets for at \$5 a ticket, and all the money from the sale of the ticket goes back into Carpenter Elementary! We have to sell tickets. Michelle has \$500 in tickets to sell, but needs volunteers to help sale. There will be cash prizes at the sale:
 - 1 \$1,000 prize
 - 2 \$500 prizes
 - 8 \$250 prizes
 - 3 \$100 gift cards for the PTO Thrift
- We still get paid for advertising the PTO Thrift as long as the advertisements have the new 2017/2018 artwork and not last year's, save for the banners we bought last year. They can and should be reused. There is a cap on how much they will give us for the advertising, however.

Crystal Francis shared regarding PAC, which stands for Parenting Advocacy Committee.

- PAC helps with IEP's and 504 plans, or as needed.
- There are many resources available that parents may not know about, and she is here to help in any way she can.
- There is a monthly meeting held at Tappan Middle School in the Media Center which is on the 2nd floor the first Monday of every month. It starts at 7pm, but the administrators are available to talk one on one from 6:15pm to 7pm.

Veronica Shallcross presented on behalf of SSSC. SSSC is planning 4 parent forums for the year, and has events planned for October for National Bullying Prevention Month.

Amber Beattie gave a brief overview of this year's budget compared to last year's budget, and it was mentioned what an impact not having the monies from PTO Thrift assisting us in paying for the school field trip transportation will be.

- This year there will be 1 field trip per grade level, and Fine Arts will be able to plan 1 field trip per grade level each.
- All field trip must be submitted by October 6, 2017.

At this time, Kym Randall noted that the budget will require approval knowing that the budget will change throughout the course of a year and can be amended.

Kym proposed a change to the budget and was supported by Michelle Keller:

- Add \$300 of funding for SSSC

Niki Coatney proposed to increase teacher assistance for mini-grants on the proposed budget from \$775 to \$1,500.

- Crystal Francis concerned the amount is not enough, as in previous years the amount was \$4000.
- It was suggested the amount to be raised to \$2000, knowing that teachers are finding funding on their own and have been successful.

Kym Randall motioned to keep the PTO run Direct Donation drive separate from the Fun Run donation drive. Niki Coatney seconded.

- Passed with majority approved. (13)

Kym Randall motioned to accept the amended budget for the 2017/2018 year. Amber Beattie seconded.

- Passed, with 2 abstaining.

Kym Randall next brought up the discussion of mini-grant applications. We have received four this year so far.

- Kym motioned to fund 2 mini-grant applications by Ms. Ann Marie Borders in the amounts of \$270 and \$299.98. Veronica Shallcross seconded.
 - \$270 for Ms. Borders for 1 alto Suzuki marimba to be used by 2nd grade and all
 - Shannon Dunn asked if there are currently any instruments in the classroom that could fulfill the requirement for this section on the report card?
 - Kathy Owens motions to table this mini-grant until questions can be asked and answered. Jacqueline seconded.
 - \$299.98 for Ms. Borders for 2 soprano Suzuki marimbas to be used by 2nd grade and all
 - Kym Randall motions to table this mini-grant until all info is gathered. Mandy Hall seconded.
 - Put to vote to fund these two mini-grants at this time, and the majority said no.
- Kym motioned to pay Ms. Smitka \$311.40 for purchase of her easel by Carpenter Elementary. Seconded by Veronica Shallcross.
 - \$311.40 for Mr. Johnson for used easel from Ms. Smitka's personal property, to be used by 3rd grade room # 108.
 - Someone asked how long Ms. Smitka had owned this easel, and if she was firm about asking price?
 - Michael Johnson answered that he and Ms. Smitka had discussed lowest purchase price and she had stated \$200.
 - Niki Coatney motioned to amend the mini-grant amount to \$200 for the purchase of the easel. Kathy Owen seconded.
 - Put to vote to fund Mr. Johnson's mini-grant for the easel in the amount of \$200, and the majority said yes.
- Kym motioned to pay \$490 for the installation of 1 projector. Seconded by Glenn Timpe.
 - \$490.00 for Mr. Johnson for the installation of 1 projector bought through Title 1 funding, but that Title 1 grants cannot be used to install.
 - Michael further clarified, saying that this amount is the amount charged by the only company AAPS allows us to use.
 - Put to vote to fund Mr. Johnson's mini-grant for the installation of 1 projector for the cost of \$490, and the majority said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.