**Independence Middle School**

**PTO General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 20, 2016 – Independence Middle School**

The Independence Middle School General PTO Membership met on Thursday, October 20, 2016.  In attendance were board members Bari Levitt, Michelle Walgreen, Anne Rutter, Karen Preisendorf, Jennifer Van Kirk, Tracey Murry, Valerie Rozzo, and Lisa Fishman.

**Call to Order -** Bari Levitt called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

**Minutes** –Tracey Murry made a motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2016. Bari Levitt seconded the motion.

**Principal's Report -** Kathryn Koerner

Mrs. Koerner was unable to attend.

**President’s Report –** Bari Levitt

* At our September 22nd meeting, we proposed several options for spending our budget surplus. PTO members in attendance voted on the options given by ranking their preferences for spending the surplus. Bari tallied the top choices of the general membership.
* At our board meeting on October 11th, we discussed the choices made by the membership. While purchasing a computer cart and 30 computers ranked as the first choice, we realized that we could actually purchase 2 of these carts and 60 computers. This would limit the amount of other purchases that we could make including the options PTO members ranked slightly lower priority than the computers.
* The board realized that we needed to come back to the general membership to decide if we want to purchase 2 laptop carts for the school. This would not allow us to support the other options until the spring when we hope to make more money at the 6th grade orientation meeting. The other top options chosen at the previous general meeting including Newsela, SOAR celebrations, and ink cartridges, would likely be fulfilled by Mrs. Koerner if we cannot do these.
* We approved 2 laptop carts 60 laptops for a total of $23,500.00. A motion was made by Anne Rutter and seconded by Valerie Rozzo. Each person in attendance agreed.

**Financial Report** – Treasurer’s Report – Jen Van Kirk

* The surplus budget was discussed.

**Secretaries Report** – Anne Rutter and Valerie Rozzo

No updates.

**Volunteer Report –** Karen Preisendorf

No updates.

**New Business -** Bari Levitt, President:

No new business.

**Next PTO General Meeting:** November 17, 9:45 AM in the cafeteria

**Dates to Remember:**

Oct. 20 – End of 1st 9 weeks

Oct. 21 - NO SCHOOL

Oct. 24 – Fall Picture Make Ups

Oct 24-28 – Red Ribbon Week

Nov. 1 – 6:00 p.m. IMS Academies Open House

Nov. 2 – 12:00 PTO Board Meeting

Nov. 3 – Early Release

Nov. 7 – Report Card Distribution

Nov. 8 – No School

Nov. 10 – Honor Roll Breakfast

Nov. 11 – NO SCHOOL

Nov. 14 – 6:00 p.m. SAC Meeting

Nov. 14-18 – Fall Book Fair

Nov. 17 – 9:45 PTO General Meeting

Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Bari motioned to adjourn, Tracey Murry seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

 Val Rozzo, co-Secretary

                               Anne Rutter, co-Secretary