



**PTA General Membership Meeting
March 8, 2017**

Call to Order: Johannah Evans, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

Attendance: Johannah Evans, Mindy Waltham-Sajdak, Kari Lowry, Jacquie Gay, Amy Roundtree, Laraine Edwards, Jessica Brattain, Mary McLean, Lauren Conner, Melina Bertulfo, Trish Coughlin, John Pokrant, Richard Wagner, Tiffany Graef, Maria Ramos, Jennifer LeClerc, Alison Sealock

Jessica Brattain made a motion to approve the February 8th General Membership meeting minutes. Lauren Conner seconded, and we all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jacquie handed out the most current Treasurer's Report as of March 8, 2017.

Committee Reports:

VP Education Report: Mindy reported that most of our before and after school clubs are up and running. Lego club has more spots for children whose parents are willing to volunteer. The Ultiate Magic Academy still has spots available before they start. Science Quest will open at 6pm with pizza pre-sold by the 6th grade. Awards will be given to the participants. The exhibits will be shown in the gym from 6:30 to 7:30pm. 30 kids have put in a lot of hard work, and the PTA board hopes many will come to see their projects.

Sports Camp is set to run 3 days, June 29-July 1, for \$95. Forms will go out March 29.

The Lost and Found is filling up with lots of really nice items that have been left behind. Parents are urged to look through, or remind their students to look through, what is in the cafeteria.

There are currently two collections going on in the school lobby: a book drive for the upcoming summer bookmobile (ongoing), and the 3rd quarter COP's collection for the Katherine Hanley Shelter (3/13-23)

VP Fundraising Report: Kari reported that we have brought in almost \$1900 from Giant with 144 participants; \$86 from Harris Teeter with 9 participants; \$557.50 from Box Tops (\$1162.90 for the year) (there will be one more collection this year which will go

towards next year's fundraising); \$104.97 from Amazon Smiles; \$967.32 from restaurant nights (all nights so far except Chic Fil A). There will be a Cirros spirit dinner-into-lunch March 29-30.

There will be one more push for the yearbook. Original Art artwork is done. Forms went out on March 8, due back on March 22. Goods will be distributed on April 18.

The Color Run committee is currently looking for corporate sponsors. Online registration is live, and paper registration will be available later this month.

The Donut Drive date has not been firmed up. Keep an eye out for more information coming on this.

Johannah spoke about our desire to help offset the administrative costs of running the school (paper, toner, copiers, etc) to free up funds for Mrs. Edwards to keep Barb Castro as a full time STEAM teacher. She introduced the 50/50 raffle we will be starting soon. We have a goal of \$30,000. If all teachers and students sell 5 tickets (at \$5 a piece) we could bring in \$20,000 - \$10,000 for the PTA and \$10,000 for the winner. (Actual winnings will be determined by how many tickets are actually sold). The drawing will be held on the evening of the Color Run - you do not need to be present to win.

This year there is still availability for no-fuss donations to the PTA. We are also accepting donations for the silent auction to be run at the Color Run.

Next year there will be a fall fundraiser.

VP Social Report: Johannah reported for Amber that an early dinner will be brought in from El Fresco for the custodians during Custodian Appreciation Week.

Variety Show tickets will go on sale March 11 for \$5 each.

The Volleyball game will be April 21 vs. Cub Run.

April 21-28 is Administrative Employee week. The board will cover the office one day that week to allow the staff to go out to lunch.

April 25 there will be a teacher's coffee.

May 10 there will be a luncheon for the cafeteria and clinic workers lunch.

June 9 there will be a spring bingo night.

Principal's Update: Mrs. Edwards reported on the budget shortfall, and how that will affect special programs. The STEAM position is fully paid for from her principals fund. Class size will most likely be affected by the budget not being fully funded.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm

**Before our meeting we had a presentation from Joe Romano, Ultimate Magic. He is currently accepting registrations for an after school magic club at VRES.*