

## **PTA Board of Directors Meeting**

November 3, 2016

Called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Allyson Fleugel made a motion to approve the October 6<sup>th</sup>, BOD meeting minutes, posted on the PTA's website, seconded by Rebecca DeGioia, all were in favor.

### **President's Welcome: Kristina Strait**

Race update: raised \$39,726, which was great. Less than last year, but more labels were sent out.

Mrs. Hilliard has asked team leaders to start wishlists, will encourage Lori to finish a form she is making (has been on vacation) that will make it easier process the orders and the vendors used. Last year the cost items were bought later with different prices & shipping fees. Mrs. Hilliard will give staff a deadline and Kristina asked if the teachers would list wishlist in a priority listing so PTA knows what is needed most. Also, would like to get this bought soon to get the items in use as soon as possible and would like to know when the deadline will be. Mrs. Hilliard working on her tech list.

Before Mrs. Hilliard had to leave: Rebecca updated on the Helping Hoops set for March 15<sup>th</sup>, Urbana HS, with Urbana ES. Bridgett Patterson looked into having Harlem Glob Trotter like entertainment but fees were too much. Wanted to discuss sportsmanship rules and that players had to be staff members. The point would be to have fun and collect food for a good cause. Urbana ES has agreed to pay some of the cost. Just need shirts for new CES staff, other staff has theirs.

**Treasurer Report:** Cathy went through the financial statement and will send a copy to Sep to be put on the PTA website. Went through the categories ending with cash on hand as \$59,145.15.

**Administrator Tracey Hilliard:** had to leave so we did her earlier

Commented on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, lock down and although some parents were thankful others were upset they were not informed. Many parents called. But CES followed protocol and FCPS sent out a FOF with the information to be given out. Parents can find information on the law enforcement websites. She said she spoke on the morning announcements and told the kids they did a great job.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Grandparent Breakfast:** Kelly will be organizing it, will be on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, possibly at 8 am. Will use special projects budget, will focus on GRRRRAND (pirate themed book fair) to bring grandparents or important people along with students. Will do a flyer and send out a FOF.

**Reflections:** Amy Byers is looking for volunteers interested in helping with the Reflections committee for Frederick County (for finding judges, setting up and clean up for the county gala).

**Box Tops:** Mara announced \$953 was collected and over 9,000 box tops sent into the school. Top classes: Thuman 1<sup>st</sup> place, Wieler & Pierce tied at 2<sup>nd</sup> (all three will receive ice parties) and Baker in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (extra recess)

**Administrator Neeley Miller:** Thanked PTA for a great Race Day as well as all the parents who came and participated. Looking forward to teacher conferences next week. Was asked by parent if at the next Race Day a police representative could be there as it is such an open event. Neeley said the policeman designated to our school can be dispatched directly and at any time, but if available they will see if there can be a police car parked in the parking lot.

**New Business:**

Regarding the \$500 grant money that Hwaida found out was available for implementing a program that would encourage an increase communication effectiveness between the school and parents. It was decided that the grant could be written:

1. Training Teacher Meeting
2. Extended Learning Opportunities
  - a. Teachers can host an evening presenting information to parents (such as on curriculum, new math strategies, language arts)
3. Communication apps training such as Bloomz to be in closer communication with parents.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.