

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL PTA MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 8:30 AM

I. Welcome + Introductions

Meeting Participants: John Stevens (Principal), Deanna Laird- via phone (PTA President), Frederica Carpenter (PTA Vice President), Susan Sanford (PTA Treasurer), Rebecca Rabeni (PTA Secretary), Nicole Barlett (School Nurse), Nancy Cole (School Librarian), Jessica Burgoyne, Melody Cunningham, Heidi McDonough, Caroline Fenske, Melissa Kagan, Jennifer Neville Arena, Elizabeth Barnes

Approval of last meeting minutes- Frederica motions, Deanna- seconds

II. PTA Update

We have a record number of registered PTA members so far this year at 40! 5 more yet to pay dues. Of the 45 members, 1/3 are teachers/staff. Deanna will publish list with emails and committees soon.

III. Committee Updates

Fundraising

* Scholastic Book Fair (Nancy Cole) - Scholastic book fair will be held Oct 19-27. Will be getting books this week and starting to setup on Friday. Need volunteers to help with setup as well as book fair hours, particularly on Mon + Tues when young students come to create their wish lists.

Wednesday during Parent- teacher conferences is also a busy time. Please see Nancy if you are interested in helping out. Voted to appropriate \$100 to distribute amongst kids who may want to buy books but need financial assistance. Heidi- motions, Frederica- seconds

* Cristoline Fundraiser (Deanna Laird) – 26 students participated this year totaling 87 customers. Total sales around \$3,800- we keep 40-45%, which would be about \$1500-\$1700.

* SchoolA (Melissa Kagan) – Decided to extend until the end of this week. There are several bags of clothing on stage now to go through. Could use volunteers at the end of the week to help sort. John recommends Darren to send a reminder email to parents and for Polly to make an announcement at the end of the school day.

* Vineyard Propane (Heidi McDonough) - VP says they are still waiting on checks from Amerigas. Cliff from VP has offered to give us the full amount from the first turn-in even though we had only raised around \$97- full amount would be \$2,000. Suggested to have a closed box to slide receipts into opposed to open box, since there are account numbers on the sheets. Need to confirm why some receipts have a bar code and others don't.

* Box Tops (Susan reporting for Alyssa) – First round of box tops needs to be turned in by Oct 15, mailed in by Nov 4th. Parents do not need to paste onto sheet, but can instead seal plastic bag with amount. Winning class receives a treat of their choice (up to \$30) sponsored by PTA. Last year we raised almost \$1,000.

* A+ Program (Deanna reporting for Pam Hurley) – This year have signed up 153 new members. Even if parents have signed up previously they should double check that their accounts are still active. We should make well over \$4,000 this year.

Room Parents (John Stevens) – Only need 1 more classroom spot to fill; 2nd grade, Mrs. Fournier. Jennifer Arena volunteered to do K-McKenty as well as 5/6-Mrs. Nelson. Becky Beeson volunteered for 1st-McDonald

Health + Wellness (Susan Sanford) – Committee has requested no candy to be distributed at the upcoming Halloween party. Fruit snacks for the piñata have been approved however. The goal is to keep moving toward healthier snacks in the school environment. Hoping to integrate healthy eating into school curriculum as well as at home.

School Garden (Frederica reporting for Melinda) – New volunteer, Rebecca Briggs, has a lot of energy toward program. Committee suggested getting a stamp for kids hands when they try a new vegetable at school. Committee approved and Jessica Burgoyne will source stamp and purchase.

Halloween Party (Deanna Laird) – Need lots of hands, people and volunteers. Greg will be making wooden carnival games to be re-used and stored. Usually \$500 comes from Sheriff's Department to help fund event. John Stevens will confirm funding for this year and get back to committee. Group voted to budget \$500 for event in case funding doesn't come through. Group also voted to get Darren Belisle a gift certificate for his help and DJ services for this event as well as Pizza/Bingo night. Approved a \$60 certificate purchase now and future certificate amount, to be determined. Group voted getting pizza from Edgartown Pizza for this event, and pizza from Isola for Pizza/Bingo Night. Tina Polley has volunteered to help as well as Kathleen and Ken Schoenberg to help pick up pizza. Gail Gardner sent an email regarding 8th graders to help with set-up for their community service hours. John Stevens will find out when Michelle can turn gym over to set-up committee. Deanna will send out an email to all PTA Members, room parents and teachers regarding time slots for volunteers.

V. Treasurer's Report (Susan Sanford)

Currently \$8,000 in account. Still need final report for teacher's grants- Susan will check in June meeting minutes. Voted in recent Executive Committee Meeting that all funds need to be approved by 2/3 of the committee. A quorum of 3 members needs to be present to hold an Executive Committee Meeting and that no checks should be written unless documented in minutes.

VI. New Business

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30 am.

Voted to adjourn meeting at 9:27am