

PTA Meeting Minutes 11.15.16

Attendance: Deanna Laird, Frederica Carpenter, John Stevens, Rebecca Rabeni, Susan Sanford, Tabitha Calheta, Susan Schreck, Pam Hurley

Call To Order at 8:29 am

Treasurers Report (Susan Sanford)- Susan to submit dues remittance form, Deanna sent a PTA reminder to pay dues; currently have Audit Committee volunteers in place- audit report form due today; current account balance at \$14,495

Halloween Party Follow-up (Susan Sanford and Deanna Laird)

- Halloween party budget was set at \$500- currently over budget by about \$300 (due to prizes, awards, carnival game supplies). Tabitha made a motion for PTA to match the police budget each year of \$500- Dee seconded.
- games were a big hit, overall a great evening, thanks to all volunteers for their help in set-up, staffing the party and clean-up, RR to write a volunteer thank you letter to the editor of the Times and the Gazette

Membership (Frederica Carpenter)

- 31 paid memberships currently
- John to send the PTA membership letter to teachers to encourage sign-ups
- last year won award for "most improved membership"
- Freddie to create a letter to email blast to parents regarding a "membership drive", trying to improve upon the 50+ members we signed up last

Classroom parent (Deanna Laird)

- clarification letter has been created by Davina Webb to be sent out to all Room parents

PTA Grant Request Form (Deanna Laird)

- teacher has to be a paid member of PTA in order to apply for grant
- Dee made a motion to change the "deadline to spend the funds", Rebecca seconded, agreed receipts must be in by December 1st of that year
- 2016 grant requests- Alicia Knight and ? (Dee to confirm)

Audit Committee (Deanna Laird)

- Heidi McDonough; Claire Crowell; Gary Smith volunteered for committee, Dee to send email in regards to action items

A+ Program (Pam Hurley)

- \$1055 in collections thus far from Oct 7-31st
- John gave Pam blessing to register new cards online via paper forms that had been turned in
- Tabitha reminded us of plan to reach out to elderly community, maybe organize a time with elderly housing to get numbers registered
- Pam has been getting sign-ups at after school car pick-up line
- possibly give out to a parent in the Brazilian community to sign-up at church service on Sundays
- Pam to send e-forms to John for him to send out via email blast

SchoolA (Deanna Laird)

- Rebecca and Dee to sort later this week and mail out
- didn't get many donations this round
- need to involve room parents more next year
- next year consider doing it over winter in coordination with soup supper or other winter event

Funds2Org Shoe Drive (Deanna Laird)

- shoe fundraiser that raises .40 per every lb of gently used shoes donated
- organization provides bags and rubber bands in order to mail back

- runs from Nov 15-Jan 15
- Deanna to get Darren to send email blast to all of school
- John granted permission to use stage in cafeteria for collections
- Dee to get posters printed for Shoe drive; utilize school sign for advertising as well

Easy Ways to Help (Frederica Carpenter)- poster/flyers created and printed by Freddie; distributed throughout school

Vineyard Propane (Deanna Laird)

- need new posters this year- Dee to coordinate with Heidi

Pease Family Scholarship- (John Stevens)

- agreed to support one \$1,000 scholarship this year (same as last year)
- would consider adding more depending upon amount of funding earned through Vineyard Propane and other fundraisers

BoxTops (Deanna for Alyssa)

- Sue Schreck volunteered to help with counting and submitting
- planning to do a middle school basketball box top challenge with raffle to win a basketball for kids who bring in the most box tops; each basketball cutout on sign to be worth 10 box tops

Jason Purdy Magic Show (Deanna Laird)

- Deanna proposed PTA to sponsor a Jan or April evening or after school event with 60 minute magic show
- recommended that patrons bring in shoes/clothing donation in lieu of \$\$ for admission/ tie into other fundraisers such as SchoolA or Shoe Drive
- \$1200 for 60 minute gold illusion show
- possibly pick Friday Jan 20 or 27th as preferred date
- to be a fun, morale event for all ages

School Directory (Frederica Carpenter)

- Freddie to send electronic version and to look into printing at another location that is less expensive- possibly UPS instead of Tisbury Printer
- may need to print more copies than originally anticipated due to the amount of parents that have requested to have information sent home via paper

Wharf Dine to Donate (Deanna Laird)

- looking to book a Saturday or Sunday as soon as possible for event
- Paolo to do facebook post for event that can be shared and posted on timelines

Upcoming Dates/Events

Next PTA meeting- Tuesday Dec 13th

Soup/Cookie Supper/Fundraiser- Friday, Feb 10th

Pizza Bingo Night- Friday, March 24th

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am