

Edgartown School PTA Meeting Minutes 4.9.2019

Attendees: Deanna Laird (President), Michelle Oteri (Treasurer), Frederica Carpenter (VP & Acting Secretary), John Stevens (Principal), Brooke Leahy, Susan Sanford, Heather Hunt, Heidi McDonough, Ashley Waters, Stephanie Immelt, Melinda Defeo

Meeting started at 8:20 a.m.

I. PTA Introductions & Update

- Review and approved minutes from March PTA Meeting, 3-19-2019.
- PTA Membership: added 3 memberships, 52 paid to-date (updated report 4-9-2019)
- Teacher/Staff Grants: Payments to date - refer to Treasurer's report for payment details.
 - Grants issued to: Kate Lefer, Tess Temple, Laura Walton, Ellen Wannamaker
 - Refer to January meeting minutes for grant summary
 - Pam Hurley's request pending specific application detail & amount.

II. Treasurer's Report

- Michelle Oteri delivered Treasurer's update.
- PTA Scholarship Fund – Selected two top applicants on April 4, awarding \$1,000 each.
- Continuing to evaluate interest-bearing accounts for PTA donation

III. Committees, Fundraising, Event Updates

PTA Auction / Dine to Donate:

- Thank You notes confirmed (Deanna, Ashley, Brooke)
- Follow-up to confirm better timing of event for next year. (February date was not ideal.)
 - Need to confirm with eighth grade coordinators about October slot (Dee)

Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Wednesday, May 8)

- Susan Sanford set up volunteer sign-up.com and emailed out link.
- Invitations:
 - Freddie has 2019 invitation .pdf ready for printing.
 - Heather quote for heavy stock paper via staples to reduce cost from on-island printing.
- Menu: Deanna organizing list
- Confirmed that teacher appreciation gift certificate from Waterside purchased in April for discount of sandwiches (referenced in January & February minutes) – Heidi
- Supplies: Heather and/or Deanna to pick-up off-island
- Flowers: Val's brother (Heidi confirmed)

School Garden

- Melinda's request for garden greenhouse electric funding (referenced in Jan & Feb minutes)
 - Reviewing several estimates and funding sources.
- Garden account: PTA's annual contribution \$750 – check issued at meeting.

Other Committees:

- **Climate (Anti-bullying):** Heather - no further update since 3/19 review of survey results.
- **Health & Wellness:** John delivered update from 3/19 health & wellness meeting.
 - Gina presenting the sources of our school cafeteria foods and local where possible.
 - Edgartown water testing update

Fundraising Updates:

- A+ Rewards – Stop & Shop: Raised to-date 2018/2019 school year: \$5,597 (down from last year)
- Schoola: Confirmed dates April 22-26 (during teacher conferences). Dee looking for volunteers!
- Vineyard Propane: Heidi reconfirmed reached \$2K threshold!! Check will be received in the spring.
- Box Tops: Val LaVigne confirmed to be coordinating box top program, need update. (Thanks Val!)
- Amazon Smile: Deanna confirmed/corrected account distribution for Edgartown School (mentioned that Ken Romero discovered that proceeds had previously been going to St. Jude's.)
- Deanna presented other fundraisers considering: Rebecca's Nut-Free Cookies, popcorn.

PTA Conference, March 30 in Beverly, MA

- Deanna, Michelle Oteri, Brooke Leahy attended and gave summary of key resources and ideas.

PTA Spring Recruitment Event

- Aiming for May event at Atria. Deanna/Heather ask/confirm date with Grier.
- Budget: \$750 (to be confirmed)
- Discussed \$5.00 PTA sign-up fee for entry.
- Classroom Parent Thank You's – complimentary drink tickets & PTA membership fee paid for.

PTA Spring Event(s) for Edgartown School - TBD

- Movie night – leading recommendation for fun night.
 - Deanna checking with off-island company "Fun Flicks"
 - Heidi looking into MV Film Festival contact – Thomas Bena.
- "Minding Your Mind" mental health conference for grades 5-8 – John evaluating
- School House Rock (K-4 event) - Deanna evaluating with Brooke
- Pottery Night – Deanna looking into possible dates, April 23-25

Buddy Bench

- Concept: older kids build the bench, younger kids paint (all grades involved in some way)
- John Stevens confirmed with Greg Pattison about woodshop project to build bench, going ahead.

ABC's of STEM / STEAM

- Heather presented kit. Discussion of roll-out to younger grades. John to review with Ms. MacKenty.

III. New Business

- John Stevens introduced re-evaluating 7th grade alternative to Gunstock ski trip and gave reasons.
 - Discussed early-thinking alternatives and vetted issues with 7th grade fundraising.
 - Looking into STEAM camp on Cuttyhunk, and following up on PTA camp suggestion by Deanna

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, May 14 @ 8:20am

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.