

Edgartown PTA Meeting 9.12.17

I. Welcome + PTA Update

Deanna Laird (President), Frederica Carpenter (VP), John Stevens (Principal), Tabitha Calheta (Treas), Susan Sanford (Treas), Rebecca Rabeni (Sec), Heidi McDonough, Paulo deOliveira, Nadine Cunningham, Minah Worley, Melinda DeFeo, Pam Hurley, Stephanie Immelt, Nancy Cole

Meeting Called to Order at 8:25am

II. Treasurer's Report- Susan to confirm balance for next meeting once funds have been dispersed and deposited.

III. Fundraising + Committees

Benefit for Hurricane Victims (Nadine Cunningham)- Edg school has adopted a hurricane hit school in Texas-Hull Desceta- Raising funds over the next few weeks to support this school by asking for donations and selling raffle tickets for a large gift basket- Want to Take advantage of open house and sell items for a raffle around the island. Plan is to get a Yeti cooler (at cost) and fill with donation items from Island businesses asking for \$300-\$400 from PTA to purchase the cooler. PTA approved \$400- Nadine to follow-up on exact cost of cooler.

A+Program – Stop n Shop- (Pam Hurley) Pam will be at the PTA table at open house with a translator to help explain program and encourage sign-ups. We have a table booked at the front of stop n shop for Sept 30 and Oct 1 to promote program and get people signed up. Will recruit volunteers through website, www.signup.com Program starts Oct 16th. Asking all PTA members to call or text friends to encourage signups. Pam to send info to Paulo and Frederica for email blast and FB page – info to go out on Sept 18th.

PTA Membership Drive- Already several teachers have signed up. Cost for membership is \$5. John to send link from Susan regarding signup.com - should go out at the end of the week.

Financial Audit- Paulo, Tabitha and Heidi to spearhead audit again this year.

Classroom Parents (John Stevens)- John is asking teachers to pick their own classroom parents and give them suggestions as to what they can do to help. Includes all homerooms K-8. The goal is for classroom parents to be a liaison between teachers, parents and PTA. Suggestions from teachers are due this Friday to John.

SchoolA Clothing Drive- Asking all families to bring in "gently used" adult or child clothing. SchoolA sells clothes on their website and we receive a check in the mail. Asking families to bring in clothes/donations at PT conferences- will have a box in the lobby for drop-offs. John to send an email closer to the "drive".

Vineyard Propane (Heidi McDonough)- If you are a customer of Vineyard Propane all you need to do is bring in the "Community School Days" portion of your receipt and submit in the designated box in the school office. Program allows us to raise up to \$2,000- last year we raised \$600, so have room to grow! Heidi to do another poster and print out for this years' drive. Might still be another check to come from last years' program- Susan to verify what we have received to date.

Box Tops- Susan Schreck to spearhead. Will submit box tops four times this year. Can hand out small blue boxes at open house to promote program. Deanna to find list of students who won the basketballs last year. Hold the basketball drive at the beginning of the school year, as we have a few leftover.

Book Fair (Nancy Cole- Librarian) - Plan to set up after school on Sept 28th. Fair dates are Sept 29th to Oct 5th. Need volunteers for set-up on 28th and to help break down on 5th. Nancy to send Deanna the blurb to send out to PTA parents for volunteers. Can also set-up time slots on Signup.com.

Garden Program (Melinda DeFeo) – Issued a request for reimbursement for Jun, Jul, Aug, and cash/ checks to

deposit from the tomato plant sale. Need to find a better way to expedite and get funds to Melinda in a timely way. Suggested to possibly set-up a separate check book as the PTA is the fiscal agent for the Garden program. When this is done it will help Melinda to budget better. Anything over \$500 will need to be a double signature. Need to update officers list at the bank. Deanna to update and create officers list so that Rebecca can submit and put in request for the separate check book. Melinda will most likely need to be present at bank as well.

IV. Events + Planning Calendar

K Picnic- Deanna attended and spoke to all the incoming K parents and encouraged them to get involved and sign up for PTA. Approved the \$270.57 spent on gifts for K students and the \$15.94 on pastries for 1st day of school.

Open House- PTA table needs to be set-up for **Wednesdays (Sept 13th)** open house. Will have PTA officers on hand to talk about programs and how to get involved. Frederica to update "How You Can Help" Flyer to be handed out to parents.

Wharf Dine to Donate- **Saturday Oct 28th**. Planning to get some auction items pulled together for fundraising at the event.

Hero Art Event- Suggested to do an evening event for the whole school. Artist will paint 3-4 pieces of artwork in each in just 3-4 minutes. See website for more information www.amazingheroart.com Cost to host the event is around \$1600. Plan is to ask for SchoolA clothing donation or \$10 entry fee per family to help offset costs and also auction off paintings as a fundraiser for PTA. Considered doing event Wed Oct 25th so that we could auction at the Wharf dine to donate. Members concerned about putting out that much money before we actually raised any funds for the year. Voted to defer the event until January depending on how much money we are able to make at dine to donate.

Halloween Party- **Re-scheduled for Friday Oct 27th**. John to confirm date and put it in the calendar. Need a volunteer to oversee the set-up and breakdown. Rebecca to ask prudence to pick up hay and deliver to event as well as pick up the next morning. Deanna to ask Donaromas to do the same.

Next Meeting- **Tuesday October 10th** (day after Columbus Day)

V. New Business

Lunchtime Policy- It was brought to our attention from the Health + Wellness committee that they are concerned about having only 20 minutes per class to eat lunch. Group has met and is also proposing to request recess before lunch for all classes. John to discuss directly with Health + Wellness Committee Members.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42am