

Edgartown School PTA Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2017

Attending: Deanna Laird (PTA President), John Stevens (Principal), Susan Sanford (PTA Treasurer), Frederica Carpenter (PTA Vice President), Paolo DeOliveira, Susan Schreck, Amy Heil, Sascha Vlodyka, Bethh Zeller, Melinda Defeo

PTA UPDATE: (Deanna)

Follow-Up to Halloween Party (Friday, Oct. 27):

- Great job everyone and thanks to all who volunteered!
- SignUp.com site and the email outreach very effective in getting volunteer coverage.
- PTA voted to pay \$100 to Darren Belisle as thank you for DJ and emcee services.
- Pizza garnered \$48 in cash donations. (Deanna / Susan confirmed for deposit.)

Follow-Up to Dine-to-Donate & Auction Event at The Wharf (Saturday, Oct. 28):

- Deanna confirmed the total raised: \$7,581.45 (DTD portion was \$560.)
- PTA agreed to do Auction again next year – keep as annual event and successful fundraiser!
- To improve for next time: more volunteers on deck (especially to assist at check-out), revising the auction sign-in form to more efficiently track the packages, bidders, winners, payments, etc.
- Deanna confirmed with Will that we could do more DTD events – currently looking at dates.

PTA Membership Update (Frederica):

- Copies of our PTA Membership List handed out at meeting (as of 11/13/2017)
- Additional updates and payments at the meeting.
- Good momentum with membership drive! 40 Members (paid), 19 Teachers/Staff, 18 New
- FC to send updated report to Deanna by Nov 15 – to include in Mass PTA filing packet.
- Handed to Susan/Treasurer for Deposit: \$102 (\$65 Cash and 7 checks totaling to \$37)

TREASURER'S UPDATE: (Susan)

Audit:

- Susan working on getting date confirmed to meet with audit committee.

Budget:

- PTA agreed that forecasted budget of our account balance and committed spend items is needed for remainder of school year 2017-2018 before we commit to further investments.
- Specific to Teacher Grants: Frederica had sent email 9/12/2017 (after Sept PTA meeting) with report on the Teacher Grants 2016-2017 (excel spreadsheet).

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Classroom Parents - Appreciation Event (John / Deanna):

- Appreciation event for classroom parents to be combined with our January PTA meeting as an evening event: Tuesday, January 9th, @6pm. Dinner to be provided: spaghetti & salad. PTA to bring dessert (healthy choices!)

SchoolA Clothing Drive (Sasha):

- Working on collection box for clothing donations and placed on cafeteria stage - accessible at all school PTA events as a reminder of program.

Box Tops (Susan Schreck):

- \$507 received to-date. Great job! Susan continuing to drive box top outreach and submissions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Pizza Bingo Night – Friday, January 19th

PLANNING CALENDAR: Events for ConsiderationHero Art Event: (Deanna)

- Cost estimate: around \$2,200 (event flat-rate + Artist travel expenses, hotel, transport, etc.)
- Idea to include Hero Art Event as a PTA marquis event – school community evening.
- Agreed to table discussion to evaluate other ideas for school community events and our budget.

“Top Secret Science” Event: (John Stevens)

- Another idea for PTA / school community event. Chilmark School is doing this.
- Focused on fun science, parent/child involvement in education.
- John to get more information for us to evaluate for our school.

Future Dine-to-Donate at the Wharf:

- Deanna checking dates with Will.

NEW BUSINESS:PTA Scholarship (John Stevens)

- PTA voted to fund \$1,000 for “PTA Scholarship” to be awarded to one recipient in Spring 2018, per formalized criteria and application process. This is the same amount as awarded in 2017.

Next PTA Meetings:

- Tuesday, December 12 @ 8:20am
- Tuesday, January 9th @ 6pm – Dinner and Classroom Parent appreciation

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 am