

PTA Meeting Minutes: Sept 13, 2016

Attendees: Deanna Laird (President), Frederica Carpenter (VP), Susan Sanford (Treasurer), Rebecca Rabeni (Secretary), John Stevens (Principal), Nancy Cole (Librarian), Melinda DeFeo (Gardening), Tabitha Calheta, Heidi McDonough, Stephanie Immelt (EPD), Lancelot Webb, Davina Webb, Melody Cunningham, Susan Schreck, Paulo DeOliveira

I. Welcome

- Deanna gave brief history of PTA, for more information go to PTA.org website for general information on what PTA does and programs they support
- \$5 to join, spread the word, would love to have new members this year
- Edgartown PTA received award for most new members last school year; would love to do it again!
- lots of grant opportunities on the website, if you have a particular passion or interest check out PTA.org for how to earn grant money
- need to fundraise about \$12,000 per year to fund the programs that we support
- check out bulletin board in front lobby for news and information; information also posted on school sign

II. Committee Updates + Fundraising

A+ Program (Pam Hurley)

- Stop and Shop gave over \$2 million nationwide last year; Edgartown PTA earned \$6,000 last school year
- all people need to do is register their card numbers on stop and shop's website
- program runs from Oct 7 - Mar 16th
- every purchase you make earns money for school and does not affect your gas points
- currently we have 384 people signed up right now; don't need to renew if you signed up last year (but good to double check that you are registered in case of a computer glitch)
- Pam has reserved 2 wknds in Oct to start registering people outside stop and shop
- also plan to start getting people signed up at open house; also encourage people to sign up online themselves
- goal this year is \$8,000-\$10,000
- suggested to consider enrolling at elderly housing
- stopandshopa+program.com; also market via social media; PTA facebook account;
- Pam to create new form of simple steps on "How to Register"
- can borrow computer from library to get sign-ups if we need
- it's good to remind people that it doesn't invade privacy and is all secure; good to check to be sure you are registered; check bottom of receipt to see how many points you have accumulated
- Freddie to create a one page sheet of how people can support the Edgartown PTA; John to blast out via email and hand out form

Box Tops (Deanna Laird)

- need coordinator to collect box tops, count and mail in for this year
- the box tops bear goes to go to winners classroom; winning classroom each semester also gets a treat (ice cream, popsicles)
- this year doing something a little different to motivate the middle school program; incorporating a basketball themed game to try to get more interest

SchoolA (Deanna Laird)

- clothing drive program that earns money for the school; parents bring in lightly used clothes, shoes and they get sorted and mailed into headquarters where they are sold online (only gets funds once your item is sold)

- made over \$1,000 last year
- need volunteer to coordinate the effort this year

Shoe Drive Fundraiser (Deanna Laird)

- another possibility for this year
- parents donate lightly used shoes; money gets awarded for every pair donated

Vineyard Propane (Heidi McDonough)

- Amerigas donates for every receipt turned in to box in school office (labeled as Vineyard Propane at front desk)
- raised \$300 last year
- receipt comes on separate sheet of the monthly bill; residential and business account both work
- Heidi is working with Vineyard Propane to set-up an automatic sign-up; unfortunately they are not capable of doing that yet
- school earns 2 cents per gallon
- program starts Oct 3 start sending out

Scholastic Book Fair (Nancy Cole- librarian)

- set-up this Friday 16th after school and begins Monday 19th- 23rd
- running for 5 days, library taken over to become a book store
- younger grades, K-2 (with volunteer help) make wish lists- need volunteers
- flyers come home with letter about the event this week
- in order to volunteer, one must have Cori check; cori lasts one year- anniversary of the date, so if you had your Cori done at last years' open house it is still valid

Garden Committee (Melinda DeFeo)

- 9th year of garden program at the Edgartown School
- open house garden tour sign-up; need volunteers to help serve dessert in the garden; hoping to get more people out to garden on Open House Night; also have books to give out
- need interested students for the k-4 garden club on Thursdays; could also use volunteers to help with club
- would like to put together a Garden Cmte to help with volunteers and fundraising as well as energy and commitment from parents and community members to sustain what we have already done
- there are so many great programs we can do, we just need funding for it
- we do an annual plant sale in spring with 2nd grade- raise tomatoes and peppers- raised over \$2,000 last year
- also do an earth day celebration which falls over spring break
- spring garden celebration combined with field day
- summer garden night with pizza party
- also go on many field trips- all grades; teach kids to take care of bodies and have interest in gardening
- already have 4 chefs to help with fundraising dinner- need to secure date for event and location; need to be able to have location where we can do event; PA club suggested, Deanna to check with Gina on availability (Gina is current President of PA club)

Room Parents (Deanna Laird)

- need volunteer for each classroom
- Deanna to get list of what classrooms still need a parent; Dee already emailed list from last year to see who still wants to be involved

Treasurers Report

- \$14,638 currently in account; with 6 checks left to write, so about \$11,000 left
- worked hard last year in fundraising;

- gave \$2,000 for computer program last year used throughout school and gave a lot to teacher's grants
- need to launch teacher grant program in March; Jan-Feb get criteria locked in

V. New Business

Open House (John Stevens) Wednesday, Sept 21

- Amanda will be here from 6-7 to do Cori checks; need to bring a photo ID and fill out form
- must re-do every year
- school is also accepting applications for substitute teachers if anyone is interested

Boost Promotion (Deanna Laird)

- reward program for students with perfect attendance
- can discuss further at next meeting

School Store (John Stevens)

- Nicole Shank will be running store this year; money goes to student council
- sells school supplies, clothing, etc
- this year planning to launch a new line of "eagle ware"

Honey Funding (Melinda DeFeo)

- nurse gives honey to kids with sore throats
- need a case of local honey to get through the year; \$144 for a case of honey
- Melinda made a motion to have the PTA fund; Freddie seconds motion; vote passed unanimously

Dine to Donate (Deanna Laird)

- Wharf to host dine to donate this fall and spring where a portion of proceeds go towards the Edgartown School PTA
- Will Coogan- owner of Wharf has 2 kids in Edgartown School
- need to do marketing via posters and social media

Next Meeting- Tuesday Oct 11th

- need to discuss Halloween party; John to write letter to donate \$500 to Edgartown Police to sponsor Halloween Party
- last year Mr Patterson made wooden games that will last longer;
- Susan Sanford proposed the idea of doing middle school dance after party from 7:30-9; middle school kids can dance; hire Darren to DJ for another 2 hours

Remember to check website for PTA updates; www.Edgartownschool.org, click on "PTA tab"

Meeting Adjourned 9:25 am