

PTO Meeting October 3 , 2017

Came to Order at 7:05

Participants: Munirah Curtis, Jennifer Harte, Lori Robert, Elizabeth Cruz, Esther Lopez, Kathy Dull, Destinie Brannigan, Lauren Hecht, Stephanie Small, Danielle Costanzo, Janet Wright, Chasity Mc Comb-Williams, Scott Kasik, Amy Soumar, Kevin Cohen, London Black, Kristen Alfonsi, Tammy Adkins, Olivia Schreiner, Maureen Spain, Padmini Kanive, Stephanie Thomas, Jessica Daly, Mary Furman

Welcome and Introductions:

May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

Principal's Welcome/Report - Kasik

Mr, Kasik shared he has enjoyed being at Whittier. He is new to elementary school and has enjoyed interacting with the students and staff. The District's process of looking for a full time principal will start in January. He thanked members of the PTO for their time and talent. The Fun Run was postponed to next Wednesday. He thanked the PTO for the new family night dinner. Mr. Kasik announced the students had raised over \$2000 for individuals affected by the recent hurricanes.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin shared there is nothing new to report. He talked to community bank about how to donate electronically but it is not a financially viable option currently.

Fun Run

The Fun Run is postponed to October 11, 2017. As of the meeting, the event had raised \$11000 toward the goal of \$14000. Five classes met their class goal. There will be a prize for top pledgers of a pizza lunch with a principal.

PTO Council Updates

Amy shared that every month there is a PTO presidents' meeting. At last meeting, the building usage fee was addressed. It is currently postponed/tabled this year for those who have not been charged in the past. If the event had a charge, there will be a 10 percent increase in the charge. The second big issue discussed was insurance. The majority of PTOs have no independent insurance. Any event that includes alcohol is not covered by district insurance and may include a fee.

Staff T Shirts

There is money left over from a past event. They think that they may need \$400 to \$500 to cover the cost for staff t-shirts.

Communication

Committee is looking to update the website and content. The committee asked that as new events come up they are accompanied by a submission to the calendar. New events also need to be submitted to District 97 so insurance covers the event.

Gepettos Holiday Cards will be available the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to be utilized after Thanksgiving

Book Fair

Volunteer sign up will be going out in a blast soon.

World Language

Registration is going well.

Fundraising

Upcoming events include Thai Oak Park Night October 24, 25, and 26. There will be a lunch option for teachers. Movie Night will be next month Friday November 3. Pot Belly is scheduled for January. Hot Cocoa with student council will occur later in the year. Ham Bingo night raised \$600. Trivia Night is Saturday January 20, 2018. Elizabeth will be looking for volunteers for the committee.

Concluded at 8:15.

Next meeting will be November 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harte

Secretary