



Minutes of
The Merchantville School PTA
General Membership Meeting

May 17, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm

April minutes approved

Correspondence

- Thank you for Teacher Appreciation week – Kathleen, Mr. Strong, Merchantville teachers, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Gandy, Miss Tsypenyuk
- Letter and a check to donate \$70 from the Merchantville Class of 1970. Kathleen Michnick.

Other discussion re: correspondence.

- We should add a donation page on the website for alumni or other people who may wish to donate.
- We should figure out a way to market Spirit wear for alumni/reunions

Mr. Strong

- PARCC completed
- Cultural Arts night next week. Mrs. Baker hanging art all over school
- Last days of school 6/15 and 6/16, half days. Come back on Thursday September 7.

Treasurer's report

- Beginning
 - o General \$8,889.79
 - o Gaming \$5,113.95
 - o Savings \$2,636.43
 - o Playground \$1,343.75
- Deposits totaled \$2,523.03
- Withdrawals totaled \$5,656.88
- Playground Withdrawals \$1,343.75
- Ending
 - o General \$5,755.94
 - o Gaming \$5,113.95
 - o Savings \$2,636.43



- Playground \$0.00
- Spirit wear is done. Sold \$267.83, not sure how much of that we owe. Christina Hunter– possible that not having hard copy flyers hurts the communication for the spirit wear. Ingrid – the second year is always better. Mr. Strong – if we send him a link he will send a flyer out. Lisa Kruczek – Promote more toward the end of the sale to remind people and possibly extend the sale by another week or two. Christina – Do a poster in the school so kids remind parents. Mary Noel Rasi – sell Spirit Wear during Spirit Week in December. Lisa K – We should buy shirts to keep on hand and sell. Diana Pell – We could sell Spirit Wear at Back to School Night.

Programs/Fundraisers

- High School Scholarships – Ingrid. Total budgeted was \$2800. Two students applied. Split in half and gave each student \$1400.
- Field Day – Ingrid. Mr. Dailey reached out to Ingrid and Diana P. He is looking for volunteers. Monday, June 12th and rain date is following day. Morning session is 9-11am for Pre-K through 4th grade. PM Pre-K comes in for the AM on this day. 6 stations, 20 minutes per station, and the classes are led by teachers. He needs 12 volunteers total for the morning. 12 to 2:30p for 5th through 8th grades. He just needs a few volunteers for the afternoon. E-mail Mr. Dailey if you can volunteer. Put on Konstella?
- Room Parent flyer for summer mailing – Ingrid to Mr. Strong – can we make sure it gets in this year. Mr. Strong – get it to him by July 24th.
- Communications – Ingrid asked Lisa and Mr. Strong how communications are going. Lisa said things are going well. Ingrid asked the VP's to remind their chairpersons to go through Lisa for Facebook/website and Marisa for Konstella.
- Parent/teacher communication – Ingrid. Marisa and Mr. Strong and Ingrid met. PTA will still use Konstella. School will use texts from the website. Mr. Strong – using website. Teachers will all use this method to communicate with parents. Homework updates will be texted. Parents can choose to use Konstella for extracurricular/PTA reasons. Mr. Strong will do a weekly announcement. Ingrid – can he delineate the PTA events from the school events? Yes, he can. Carrie – School families may not realize what the PTA actually does/what we sponsor. At the end of the year, should we send an e-mail out letting people know what their money/donations went to? Tracy – should that letter come from the school? Marisa – yes! Ingrid asked if Carrie would be willing to write the letter. Carrie will write it. Could it go in the last weekly announcement? Possibly the Observer?

New business

- Two big fundraisers next year will be Pumpkin Patch (replacing Bag Bingo) and the Derby Day basket fundraiser(replacing Tea Party). Christina – Pumpkin patch used to be sponsored by the Merchantville Junior Women's Society. Bake sale, hot dogs, teachers reading, Mayor reading, pumpkin decorating. Raised \$3000-\$6000 per year. Meadowbrook helped get the pumpkins every year.



- PDQ – Ingrid. Possibly replace Silver Diner with PDQ. Sell a \$10 value card for \$6-7, but only pay \$3 for it.
- Kindergarten Round Up – Ingrid asked Mr. Strong how it was. It was successful.

Appreciation

- Ingrid for Christina Hunter – Teacher Appreciation Week

Upcoming events

- Barnes and Noble Night 5/18/17
- Cultural Arts/Spring Concert 5/24
- Bike to School Day 5/26
- General PTA Meeting 6/7
- Field Day 6/12
- 8th Grade Graduation 6/16

Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.

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