



Minutes of
The Merchantville School PTA
General Membership Meeting

November 2017

President Ingrid Juliano called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

CSA Report – Mr. Strong

- End of Trimester is December 7. All students will receive report card on December 13.
- Conferences will be in the evening of December 18 and 19 and in the afternoon of December 20 and 21. The conference scheduler information went out in the e-mail blast this morning. It is also posted on our website. The conference portal opens on Monday, November 27 to allow parents to choose a time to schedule the conferences.
- All half days the week before Winter Break

Treasurer's report

- Beginning
 - o General \$8,060.07
 - o Gaming \$1,680.01
- Deposits totaled \$4,362.06
- Withdrawals totaled \$1,543.46
- Ending
 - o General \$10,878.67
 - o Gaming \$1,680.01
- Pumpkin Patch made \$1440. \$2500 was budgeted.

Update on Bylaws

- Ingrid – By-laws are on their way. Our quorum is now 19. The number is figured out by the amount of board members x2 plus 1 extra person. If we want a smaller quorum number, the NJ PTA suggested having less board members.

Programs/Fundraisers

- Guitar – Marisa T. Should we stagger and do every other year? Do we change the instrument each year? What about keyboards? Definitely a possibility. Need to discuss with Mat Eiland.



- Talent Show – Lisa K. On schedule – Show on Friday. Two (one during the day and one at night). Positive feedback about Susie. People praising her direction.
- Holiday Parade – Felicia D. Two good weekends for construction. Parade is 12/1/17. Saturday Nov 25th is first date to start construction for whoever can help. Need paints - greens, browns, dark red, whites, black. We have the ability to use more recycled and repurposed materials than in previous years. The float is not as involved as in past years. Straight forward this year. Always a fun time. One thing we want to focus on is making sure we get enough kids to walk in the parade. Can sign kids up online. Kari and Stacey have leads on cardboard and plywood. Ingrid has pallets. Need more cardboard. Wintery theme this year. Rebecca O. - Can the kids make any of the decorations? If anyone would like to help with float, let Felicia know.
- Reflections – Ingrid. Final year for Stephanie Middleton to run this. 21 kids that submitted projects to our local PTA. 11 kids moved onto Camden County Reflections. Nicole Eiland is also stepping down from helping. Unclear whether or not EilandArts will still host gallery. Need someone to take over the event.
- PDQ – Diana Pell. The way that fundraiser works is that we buy 500 gift cards to PDQ that we purchase for \$3 each. Then we sell them for \$6-\$7 which gets us the \$1500 back and makes us an additional \$1500. Diana is worried that we won't sell 500 gift cards. Ingrid, could be gift for mail carriers. Could get for stocking stuffers. Lisa – could we do local restaurant fundraisers? Marisa – we would have to do several restaurant fundraisers to make \$1500, as we typically make between \$150 and \$400 each time. Ingrid – We could bring back cupcake Tuesday instead. Some options for restaurant fundraisers - Iron Hill 20%; California Pizza Kitchen 20%. Amy M. Iron Hill is strict. Will discuss again another time.
- Derby Party – Nicole K. Swapped out the Tea Party for the Derby Day fundraiser. Derby goes off at 6:00 on the May 5th. 4:00 doors will open. Ticket priced individually or for a couple. Adult event. Come in and place bets on the Derby. Televisе the Derby at 6. In addition, would have all the baskets to raffle. Cork pull fundraiser. 50/50. Food. Beverages. Dancing. Out by 8 or 8:30. Can get in at noon for decorating. Can only have beer and wine. \$10 per bottomless cup. Need a good crew. Diana Pell and Danielle are doing the baskets. Could use a 3rd person for baskets. Kari Shotwell volunteered. Donations start early. Ingrid doing Wine bottle donation. Decorations. Susie Stevens is going to make sure it's authentic. Need to get gambling license through the state. Getting horse gambling is tough. Sherry Iannucci is going to figure out horse betting. Chrome books set up when they come in. Rebecca Onkar is going to look at membership envelopes to check what people stated they would be interested in helping with.
- Broadway Trip – Lisa K. To date, no one has signed up. Potentially the price? If anyone is thinking about it, they need to make some commitments. Would be fun for the kids to be on the bus with all their friends. Marisa – put on Konstella. No hard date listed. Make the deadline 12/20/17. Possibly extend to 12/22/17.
- Lego Club – Kari Shotwell is running. Got her husband and his friend involved as well.
- Ingrid asked Mr. Strong if the musical can be 2 nights instead of just 1. Not feasible by Mrs. Taylor.
- School Board Meetings – Ingrid. School board agendas are posted the Friday before each meeting. Marisa will look at agendas the Fridays prior to meetings.



- Basketball – Jude cannot run. Ingrid – maybe Diana could talk to Jerry about it. Carrie Kidd sending out a flyer looking for a person.

New business

- Kari Shotwell – Merchantville Car Show coming back. Does the PTA want to get involved? Like the Kids Fest. Saturday, July 14, 2017. Beer Garden. Food Trucks. Set up on bike path and Center Street. Summer – Moorestown did a truck fest. Kids would get in and pull the horns (trash truck, fire truck, etc).

Appreciation

- Ingrid – Stephanie Middleton for Reflections.
- Ingrid – Haunted House participants
- Ingrid – Advanced thank you for Talent Show
- Ingrid – Junior High Dance

Upcoming events:

Talent Show – 11/17

Barnes & noble Night – 11/30

Holiday Parade 12/1

Holiday Shop – 12/5 to 12/7

Winter Concert 12/13

Writing Arts Enrichment Assemblies – 1/5

Lego Club – 1/13

General PTA Meeting – 1/17

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by Marisa Tkachuk

Recording Secretary