



Minutes of
The Merchantville School PTA
General Membership Meeting

February 8, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

January minutes approved

Mr. Strong

- Curriculum Video – Very informative about what we are currently doing with our school. On Facebook and on school website. One more coming out that will be about extracurricular activities. Alumni like to see progress.
- PARCC Testing (May 1-5 = Gr 3-5; May 8-12 = Gr 6-8)
- Open House Wednesday, February 22, Jan 26 at 7pm – In conjunction with Take Your Family to School Week.
- Math Game Night Thursday, February 23, (on-line RSVP). RSVP system is new – Mr. Strong would like to start utilizing responses via text more frequently.

Treasurer's report

- Beginning
 - o General \$5,840.55
 - o Gaming \$2,578.95
 - o Savings \$2,635.78
 - o Playground \$3,743.75
- Deposits totaled \$165.91
- Withdrawals totaled \$2108.27
- Savings deposit \$0.33
- Ending
 - o General \$3,898.19
 - o Gaming \$2,578.95
 - o Savings \$2,636.11
 - o Playground \$3,743.75
- Got small playground 8 tricycles- \$1,265.42.
- Genevieve – Budget was \$1400, made \$1377.
- Holiday Shoppe – Budget was \$1000. Made \$943.67 after expenses.
- Playground plaque on its way. Carrie – can we scan a picture to make a card to thank the donors? Can we ask the man who made the mosaic post cards? Christina Hunter's next door neighbor.



Programs/Fundraisers

- Take Your Family to School Week – Summer Freeman. Flyers are in. Need dishes for the dinner. Print and send in flyer, sign-up online. So far have a few families signed up. Marisa will send the link out for the dinner sign up on Konstella. Ambassadors were discussed. Friday will have Radio Station and Mr. Dailey will have games. (Theme is Celebrating the changing faces of families). Radio Station will bring giveaways and provide sound system. Will make cookbook from recipes of the dishes brought to the dinner. Tuesday is dinner, Wed is family visitation, Thursday is Math night, Friday is Spirit After Dark.
- Author Day – Mary Rasi – Author Day is back on. March 29. Flyer will go out next week. Need to get books into classrooms so the teachers can introduce students to author. Need to get pricing. Tracy Batiste is the chosen author. Cost is \$1800 for 3 presentations for the day. With leftover money maybe we could get Poetry Meets Percussion guys to come. If so, Mary would like to do in May. They do auditorium presentations for up to 250 kids. Two for the price of \$1200. Committee will still be together next year. They are going to meet soon to start discussing next year.
- Tea Party – Diana Pell. Most positions are spoken for. Loredana Rubini is doing class baskets. Room parents at meeting suggested to not send flyer out to whole school yet. The committee is meeting on Sunday again. Some donations are in already. Help needed day before to set up. The special event this year will be a kite parade. Kids can decorate kites at the station and Nicole Eiland is donating supplies. Have to use command strips if things are going on the walls. Marisa – soundtrack playing throughout. Ask Jon Paul? Sidewalk chalk out front.
- Science Expo – Getting flyers and FAQ's out soon. Doing Rube Goldberg again. Will have a different goal this year, maybe to fill a container with something or flip a switch/take a picture. Leaning toward filling a container. Felicia Dunsmuir is running with Katherine Swann and Brigid Murray. May need extra people to referee things night of – carrying materials in and out. Need judges again this year. Felicia doesn't want anything to get lost in the shuffle.

New business

- Lisa Kruczez started getting e-mails from alumni. Merchantville NJ Facebook page posted something on Facebook about the PTA alumni page. Question is – we have mis-information on the page saying we will take information and make a directory, newsletter. Should we remove the information or correct and manage? Should it fall under the PTA to manage alumni information? Agreed that it does not fall under PTA umbrella and we should remove the alumni information from our website. Lisa said she could hide the page. There is a separate Merchantville alumni Facebook page.
- Nicole Kipp – Buy Bag Bingo tickets!

Gratitude

- Ingrid – Felicia for Lego Club.
- Diana – PTA Basketball.



- Summer – thank you for help for TYFTSW.
- Nicole – PTA Basketball – Jude. So well organized. Having a great time. Tons of adults out there helping. She ordered 75 shirts this year!

Upcoming events

- Talent Show – 2/10/17
- LEGO Club 2/11, 2.18, 2/25
- TYFTSW – 2/21-2/24
- Family Dinner 2/21
- Spirit After Dark 2/24
- Designer Bag Bingo 3/3
- PTA Skating Party 3/11
- General PTA Meeting 3/15

Meeting adjourned 7:52 p.m.

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