**PTA General Assembly Meeting August 10, 2021**

Attendants- Jennifer Edwards, Trevor Matthes, Gina Trent, Amie Lombardi, Cathy Scheidler, Heather Olski, Lindsey Reiner, Julie Crow, Sarah Wilson, Katie Hinely

**Call to order:** 6:11 pm

**Introductions:** We went around the table and introduced ourselves and stated any positions we hold. Mrs. Reiner is our faculty representative this year.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Cash on hand, about $20,000; budget is super conservative this year; everything looks good financially
* All fundraisers we have are to benefit the school (not ourselves)

**Old Business:**

* **Spirit Wear Sales:** the short sleeve shirts sold really well; we will have an order for long sleeves in the falls; we will have a school spirit day in September
* **Membership:** 135 families have joined so far; please contact your friends and family and have them join

**New Business:**

* **Budget:** we have a lot in the grounds budget this year; Julie went over the higher line items for the new members
  + There were some questions about the field trips that students will hopefully be able to go on this year
* **Olympian Fund:** we have already brought in close to $1000; we got some positive feedback about this type of fundraiser
* **Yearbook:** please submit photos throughout the year for the yearbook
* **Attractions Books:** will go on sale August 23and goes through September 10; second largest true fundraiser; we are not sending sample books this year because that doesn’t work too well; we pushed it back a couple weeks so that it does not compete with Olympian fund
  + Fundraisers happen early on so that we have enough money to do what we would like to do throughout the year
  + Trevor emphasized our emphasis on balancing the budget; we do not sit on a surplus (we make sure we use the money to benefit the school)
  + There was a discussion about whether we should provide Attractions books to the teachers; that is a decision that will be left to the PTA board (last year we could not do it due to the circumstances)
* **Courtyard:** this is a project we have been wanting to do for the last two years, but have not been able to due to COVID
  + There had been discussions about a sensory garden but that was put on the back burner due to COVID
  + Julie thought that we could divide the Courtyard into four different sections and we could utilize each in a different way (She, Steve Petrucci, and Trevor Matthes will look at it closer on Friday)
  + Mrs. Reiner said that the ants are presenting a problem and kids cannot spread out with the current four picnic tables; she also mentioned that she was unsure if the nurse will allow the use of the courtyard
  + **Question: how is the cafeteria being used currently** (one classroom per grade level per day)
  + There was more discussion about the pop-up picnic tables and everyone is very interested in them; the current tables definitely need to be pressure washed
  + There is a sprinkler system out there
  + Julie and Mrs. Reiner will be talking to the teachers to see how they would like the courtyard to be utilized
  + We would like to come up with a plan to get some things done now and perhaps work with WOW (Work On Wilmington) in the spring to get more done
  + There was lots of interest on providing more shade out there as well
* **Upcoming Dates:**
  + **Grade Parent Meeting:** this will happen in the next few weeks
  + **Book Fair:** September 13-17; students will be able to make a wishlist and parents can send in money
  + **Bingo Night:** free event with food trucks available; scheduled for September 16; logistics still need to be worked out; Julie has emailed new administration about providing a plan and getting approval
  + **Fun Nights:** September 8 from 3-7 dine-in and take out at Atlanta Bread Company; we will get 20% of the proceeds
    - We will do Papa Murphy’s in October as well; more details to follow
  + **Fall Festival:** Gina Trent and Heather Dant will be running it this year, but will need two volunteers to take it on next year; this will take place on November 5 (will not interfere with break or Halloween)
    - Julie will work on the auction (baskets) this year and will have someone work with her so they can take it over next year
* **Website**: Julie is almost finished with the new website, but is still trying to get the Eaton QR code uploaded

Mrs. Reiner says all of the teachers are very thankful for their grant money.

Trevor wants people to email Department of Transportation about the erosion around the parking lot of the school. He will be sending out information about how to email them so that they bring rocks to dump and fix the problem. We will probably put information about this on the Eaton parent page. We cannot fix this issue and have to rely on the DOT.

Julie provided information on how we can volunteer in the school. She handed out the volunteer pamphlets and explained the different levels of volunteers (I and II). Level II volunteers must pay $20 (good for three years) and undergo a background check. Administration does not see why volunteers may not pass, so any private information remains private.

Question about the number of people who attended this morning: we did not have as many as we would have liked and will work on advertising more

We are still trying to figure out the best times to have meetings to accommodate all parents.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:50 pm