

Minutes of the PTA General Body Meeting –September 26th, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Arthi Aiyappan.

2. In attendance were:

Shobana Mani

Mankamal Soni

Primo Flores

Leah Acosta Flores

Sandhya Kumar

Theresa Guarini

Arthi Aiyappan

Anita Prabhu

Rashmi Iyengar

Katie Coates

Karin Syncerski

Aarti Shah

Bernadette Marcias

Sue Gresch

Anh Nguyen

Saras Venkatram

Mamatha Bharadwaj

Rejitha Biju

Jayshree Mishra

Prasanta Dash

Total: 20

3. Arthi Aiyappan presented the meeting agenda

PTA Goals for 2012-2013 Year

Membership Update

PTA Activities

Treasurer's report

Proposed areas for funding

Proposed Budget

Questions

4. **PTA Goals for the Year**

- The PTA will continue to support programs that we have supported for a number of years- ABC, Fun Visor, Arts Attack, Junior Achievement and some new ones for this year- chiefly Clark Music Makers program.
- The PTA is opting to move out of catalog sales for this academic year.

- Instead, we are hoping to reach our fund raising goal of \$20,000 through flat donations and fitness run. The suggested donation amount per family is \$100. If we reach our goal, we will cancel catalog sales drive for this year.
 - Our membership theme for this year is “Go for the Gold”- with each Olympic circle in the symbol representing 100 PTA members. Target for gold is 500 members.
 - We are also looking to increase volunteer base through room parents and volunteer sign up through our website.
5. Membership Update
- As of today, the total number of members = 466!
 - We are happy to have 100% teacher participation via memberships.
 - The PTA is sponsoring a “yogurt parfait party” for the class with most memberships- lower grade and upper grade.
6. Fund raising update
- We are nearly there with \$12,500 in flat donations
 - Fitness Run is a proposed fundraiser and proceeds will be directed towards sports /playground equipment upgrades for the school- therefore benefiting all Clark kids.
 - Catalog fundraiser sales at this point are not planned.
7. PTA Activity Updates
- Book fair was a huge success with total sales at an all-time high-\$9000. The funds from the Scholastic will be used to buy books, prizes and test for Accelerated Reader (AR) program.
 - Ice cream social drew a large crowd- a great event for the Clark community to get together and also showcase PTA programs for the upcoming year.
 - Fall Carnival was a spectacular success and community building event. Funds from individual booths will go directly to classrooms that ran the booths.
 - Reflections- Submissions are due on October 5th.
 - Music Makers will start on October 15th.
 - Music and movement program for Mrs. Sandoval’s class will start on October 11th.
 - Arts Attack, ABC and Fun visor programs are off to a great start- with volunteer training complete, the volunteers are beginning to bring the activities to the various classrooms.
8. Important Upcoming Events
- International Walk to School day is on October 3rd- the Walk and Roll program with a grant from the city of San Jose is expected to start on October 3rd.
 - Fitness Run – will be on October 19th
 - PTA Movie Night is in November
 - Winter Extravaganza is on December 14th.
9. Treasurer’s Report:
- Arts Attack account balance is at \$7694.
 - PTA account balance is \$20,408.21.

- Proposed budget and funding allocation was presented in the form of a pie-graph. Music Makers; class room donations, home-work planners/folders; Junior Achievement are the programs that receive significant allotment of PTA funds

10. Budget

Motion to pass budget was made by Anita Prabhu and seconded by Katie Coates. Budget passed with all votes in favor.

11. Questions

- Questions about club and other enrichment activities being on hold were raised- ongoing contract discussions between school district and Evergreen Teacher's Association was indicated to the attendees.
- Possibility of conducting upper grade talent show with parent involvement/external judges was raised- discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

12. Arthi Aiyappan thanked all the members who attended the meeting.

13. Meeting was called to close at 7:20 PM.