

MINUTES

Thunder Hill PTA

Date | time 2/13/2017 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Abby Wedeking

In Attendance

Abby Wedeking, President; Christine P. White, Corresponding Sectary; Tremin White, 1st Vice President; Amy Van Osdel, Teacher Representative; Marti Bowen, Principal; Keith West, Assistant Principal; Linda Ferrara, Teacher; Jennifer Sanseverino, Teacher, Jennifer Soler, PTA Delegate; Tonika Meyers, Treasurer; Angela Davis, 2nd Vice President; Cindy Gil, parent; Joel Gil, parent

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December and January were sent via email to the PTA board.

Treasurer's Report

- A copy of the budget was distributed; income is on the first page; expenses are on pages 2-3
- Deposits were made this morning, 2/13/17
- The PTA has spent \$11, 116.34; The PTA has brought in \$15, 616.71
- Ms. Atkinson submitted paperwork for Artists in Residence

President's Report

Vacancies- Are posted in the newsletter with a time commitment expectation

- Filled: bulletin board, sign in the front and hospitality committee (3 people are committed, one lead and 2 support for hospitality)
- Still looking for storage; please send Abby the amount of items in storage that you have at your house
- Need for a 1st VP for next year, Ms. White will still run the Talent Show but can no longer commitment to the hours needed for the VP position

Budget-

- The PTA will conduct a budget analysis of spending, student impact and community expenses to determine if the PTA is using funds to the best of its ability
- Staff Appreciation budget must be increased cover raising costs

Board and Committee

- Grants: applications will go out next week; with a deadline of the week before the March meeting
- Talent Show- Planning is under way

Bingo and Silent Auction

- March 24 is the date

- There will be family friendly gift baskets
- Sign-up genius for tickets
- There will be a cap on the number of tickets available
- Silent auction is a separate sign-up genesis
- Folks must agree to pay the night of the auction for the items that they bid on
- The auction will occur at half time of bingo

Teacher's Report- MOD Pizza is offering a fund raiser, 20% of sales; this could be the March 9 PTA dinner
STEM

- Ms. Ferrera has finalized the schedule for STEM Day
- The schedule will be sent out shortly
- Katie Atkinson put it on sign-up genesis for volunteers
- They contacts for the primary assembly and Kevin Martin Steel Drum band for 3rd grade have been submitted to Howard County Board of Education risk management for approve by Central Office Staff
- Payment is due on the day of the performance per Board of Education guidelines (April 6)
- The check must be mailed to presenters with a copy of the invoice
- Only other expenses will be lunch for the presenters and some supplies

PTACHC Report

- The Council of Elders Community Academy is hosting a session on healthy relationships on Feb 25th from 9-11:15 am. They are also offering a bullying and social media session for parents on March 25 from 9-11:15. Both of these sessions are at Oakland Mills Middle Schools.
- The report -Legislative Committee Reports also includes information on the Policy Update (this will be included in the PTA newsletter)
- The Homewood School lacks a PTA. It was suggested that each school's PTA bump up PTA dues to cover the cost of staff appreciation for Homewood. This would increase the dues for Thunder Hill's PTA from \$170 to \$200. The use of cluster assignments is also being considered. One person at PTACHC will lead the committee. The budget for Homewood Staff Appreciation will exceed the staff appreciation budget of the Thunder Hill PTA. The budget for Homewood Staff Appreciation will be 76 school PTAsx \$30each = \$2,280. The question of transparency was raised. Homewood is a middle and high school program. Could there be allocation based on PTA size?

Principal's Report

- Ms. Bowen thanked the PTA for her engagement card
- Feb 21 is the conference schedule opening date. March 9 and 10 are conference dates. Theses conferences are intended to discuss math progress. March 9 is the evening conference date. Teachers have the choice of 2 afternoons or 1 evening and 1 afternoon.
- Changes in staffing: Shelia Bridge retired after 40 plus years, Allison Hamman is the long term sub; Zobia Perveen has left; her replacement is Geetha Langatti
- Student Council for grades 1-5 put together a display of students exhibiting SOAR behavior.
- Access is complete

-MISA- is underway

-Fire drills are mandatory; once a month

Open Discussion/ Q & A

-Ms. Ferrera shared talent development for gifted and talented; 2 week programs for the summer

Next Meeting

3/13/2017 12:00 AM, Media Center

Christina White called to adjourn, Jennifer Solor seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm