

Spring Garden PTO

September 10, 2019

Spring Garden Meeting 9/10/19 9:15AM

Attendees:

I. Call to Order & Introduction of Members:

- PTO President, Mary Taylor, called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.
- Present were members: Mary Taylor, Shanni Wiedl, Brie Chambers, Monica Maldonado, Iris Alanyali, Michella Cardoso, Julie Mock, Amanda Beltz, Vanessa Williams, Elicia Hammell, Karen Gainey, Jessica Russell

II. Principal's Report

- Two of the four water fountains have been installed. One by the faculty room and the one by the gym are working great; over 288 bottles have been filled already! The next 2 will be installed during one of the school breaks because it takes a few days to complete installation. The other locations are near the 4th grade and then the one by the cafeteria.
- Over the summer the speed limit on North Blvd., was lowered to 25mph. The crosswalks were repainted as well. The district is responsible to paint the curbs, but that did not happen as of yet. It is on their radar, but no definite timeline as of yet per Mark Stein.
- Looking for custodial coverage at the time, night custodian is ill currently.
- During Open House families were told that it was their responsibility to park legally and to cross only in crosswalks.

Treasurer's Report –

Bank Balance: \$59,457.18
Operating Cash: \$27,762.70
Contingency: \$5,000.00
Special Projects: \$19,839.27
Funds Raised so far for next year's budget: \$1,915.00
School Rewards: \$4,934.81

- The new water fountains bill has not been invoiced yet. Once we get that invoice it will be paid using the special projects fund.
- There were no new transactions to report over the summer.
- The 2018-2019 Carnival raised near \$13,000!!!! A new record!
- 2018-2019 was a record breaking fundraiser year across the line!
- Renewed our insurance policy for \$386.
- We are all set for this year' expenses.
- The Budget was approved for 2019-2020 school year. Copies were distributed; there was a large increase then previous years due to more funding received by fundraising. Shanni Wiedl motioned to approve, Monica Maldonado seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes

- Minutes from May's meeting were presented and approved.

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Color Run** – We had over 150 children and their families participate. And we received great feedback, that it was well enjoyed. This event was super fun and easy everyone brought their lunches to the picnic. This year we will order more powder. The Homemade Ice Cream Truck will also come back this coming year. The vendor who sold the ice cream would like to donate and help support SG and would like to be at the Carnival! We made a \$100 profit. Jess suggests having a starting post, this year will be planned a little better.
- **Family Fun Night** - at **The Cup** made \$89 and they rounded to \$100.
- **Movie Night October 11** – free to attend and free popcorn – Kids to vote on the following movies, Secret Life of Pets 2, Toy Story 4, and Aladdin – when movie is picked we need to rent/purchase. We have license to show movies (unlimited movies in spring garden we paid over 1000 for 2 years-all of Disney is on there to be licensed)
- **Kindergarten Play date**- It went really well!
- **Ram A Thon** – October 4th – is one of our 2 biggest fundraisers – we have a new envelope to be easier to track funds – our theme is “out of this world” bulletin board is ready – baskets are all space related – moon slime – books/movies – everyone who gets \$100 or more automatically gets a pizza lunch with Mr. Smith – over \$200 will automatically be entered to get the special basket with telescope – 3 baskets just for “life skills” – We will have planet stations this time around as well.
- **Spirit Wear** – Karen Gainey / Shanni Weidl – Shanni will meet with Lehigh Valley Apparel to see if it is possible to have shirts printed before Ram A Thon, and would like to tie them in with the Color Run, keeping the “Spring Garden Leaders are Out of This World” theme. Next year we will pre order by kindergarten orientation – last year t-shirts were 5 each. Mr. Smith suggested to have orders for November with a December delivery for Christmas.
- **Spring Gardeners Cleanup** – New chair Kelly Stewart – Sunday Sept 29 fall cleanup – the church that comes to the school will come as well – and will provide pizza lunch who rsvp and mums will be donated by Mrs. Cierech. There is a \$200 budget and church will donate \$250 as well. Kelly will be putting a flyer together by the end of this week to distribute.
- **Box tops** – Julie – changing from clipping and sending into school – now we are using an app and we have to scan receipt – 14 days to scan a receipt and we will receive funds immediately – flyers will be sent home, with directions. Still need to add some spare ones up from last year. Also, we will need to discuss what classroom prize is for those that collected the most. Mary suggested of having a school wide goal, too. Brie said we earned \$1000 free money last year – app is very easy to use!
- **PAC Report** – Iris Alinyali – nothing to report, Will update next month.
- **Room Parents** – waiting on all papers to come in, need to sort and will give back to teachers to pick parents – October 1st room parent meeting at 7pm in all purpose room.
- **School Store** – Brie reported for Allison. She is starting to restock! We had a record year last year!! And she is requesting more volunteers – sign up genius will go out – Times store is open is during lunch time around 11 am to 1:20 pm.

V. Volunteer Opportunities

- Ram A Thon – Volunteers needed and always appreciated.
- School Directory
- Spring Gardeners Sunday Sept 29

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VII. Upcoming Dates

- 9/23 – Early Dismissal
- 9/29 – Fall Clean Up

- 10/1 – Room Parent Meeting
- 10/4 – Ram A Thon
- 10/11 – Family Fun Night

VIII. New Business

- Halloween Parade – more schools will be walking in the Bethlehem Parade – we will participate this year as well. We are looking for chaperones who will walk parade route 10/27 Sunday. Mr. Smith had little budget requests to do a mini float we will be looking for a vehicle that has to be decorated. More definitive plans to come in October. Theme of parade is “the 2020 Census” -Leaders count in Spring Garden – leadership activities we can highlight.
- Playground steering wheel needed to be replaced, the cost was \$650. Funds were used from school rewards to purchase over the summer. However, the funds should have come from special projects. In order to move the funds back we need an ok and a vote to do that – Brie Chambers made the motion and Vanessa Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Closet in Gym: Mr. Smith had an eagle scout, do a project to design and build shelves in the gym. The church has put forth some of the money \$317. Funds were fronted from school rewards, but we need to put the money back. PTO is requesting \$350 be moved from special projects back into school rewards. Brie Chambers made the motion, Monica Maldonado seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Pure Vida Fundraiser: The 2nd grade teachers (Mrs. Mease and Mrs. McCann) would like to start a fundraiser by selling customized school color bracelet. They can purchase the bracelets for \$3 and sell for \$ 5 or \$6. The teachers are planning on using the funds raised for a moral boosting assembly. They are requesting from the PTO to help pay \$450 upfront cost of the bracelets which will be paid back once the bracelets are sold. Elicia Vasquez made the motion and Brie Chambers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Open chair positions – Carnival Co-Chair, Enrichment Co-Chair, Gertrude Hawk, Scholastic Book Fair Co-Chair, Outreach Events Co-Chair, Leadership Day, Kindergarten Welcome, and Field Day. If interested in helping chair one of these great events please contact Mary Taylor. mrs.mary.taylor01@gmail.com
- Mr. Smith is having an issue with the internal dismissal procedures. Currently brainstorming on different ideas on moving kids to different areas to leave the building to avoid the internal traffic. The idea is moving dismissal doors from the east side of the building to the north side – K/1 – 2/3 come out by stain glass or across from gym. Parents would have to wait on the playground in the back; this wouldn’t start until we can close the gate. This would also mean more walking for families who pick up their kids. When leaving the building you would be dumped towards the crosswalk.
- Parent asked if the school assemblies could be put on school calendar and use of dojo to notify parents of special events. Mr. Smith said that will be remedied.

IX. Adjournment:

- President, Mary Taylor, adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.
- Next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th, at 9:15am