

Minutes – General Meeting

April 14, 2021

President Renee Tisi called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Quorum was established at 7:34 PM. Theresa Timian motioned to establish quorum. Mike Ticehurst seconded.

Dan Griffin motioned to accept the March meeting minutes. Elaine Griffin seconded. Minutes were accepted with no changes.

President's Report

None given.

Treasurer's Report

See attached report.

Correspondence/Box Tops

No Box Tops updates at this time. A thank you note was received for the PTA's purchase of Reading Ally. The scholarship committee is still receiving applications.

Nominations

Committee met to ensure bylaws were upheld in nominations and that there will be continuity on the Board. The proposed nominees are:

- Vice President 2 – Michelle Grunbaum
- Vice President 3 – Elaine Griffin
- Corresponding Secretary – Trish Pasteras
- Recording Secretary – Valerie Zieniuk

Dan Griffin motioned to accept the nominees as presented. Hillary McWhorter seconded. Nominations will move forward as proposed.

Spirit Wear

Hillary is waiting to hear back from vendor to see if we can make some changes to the Spirit Wear offerings. Once the response is received the site can go live. Flyers will also go home with students.

Book Fair

An outdoor Book Fair will be held from June 8-11. Looking into whether it will be held after school only or if it can also be held during school hours. Only book cases will be used (no tables) to ensure we can move merchandise inside easily at the close of the sale each day. Strict COVID protocols will be upheld.

Tricky Tray

An outdoor Tricky Tray event will be held on May 23 with COVID procedures. Details are forthcoming as the committee is finalizing plans.

Virtual Assemblies & Special Events

Michelle Grunbaum researched opportunities for virtual assemblies. Insectopolis in Philadelphia is a potential option; we would be charged a fee for each grade level and each grade would have their own interactive virtual assembly. Some customization is possible as each grade could select some of the animals/insects they want to hear about in their assembly. The cost would be approximately \$250. Feedback from the group was positive as the students can have input into the insects/animals that are seen, both remote and in person students can participate together, and teachers can choose when their grades participate.

Michelle will move forward with securing the Insectopolis assembly and work with the teachers to schedule for each grade level.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

COVID has impacted plans for Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. Food trucks or communal food options (like buffets) are not permitted. Food items should be individually wrapped and/or grab and go options, like pre-boxed lunches and/or breakfasts.

Theresa will send a message to room reps to request support for the activities, and Michelle will share a letter to be sent home with students who are in school.

All Other Business

Chrissy Trank updated the group that our renewed raffle license was received.

Elaine Griffin requested Yearbook orders and photo submissions as deadlines are approaching. A flyer will be sent home to remind parents to order. If budget is available, the PTA would like to provide to teachers and 5th graders again this year.

The 5th grade committee is actively planning celebrations within COVID protocols.

Teacher's Report

Teachers shared their appreciation for the resources the PTA has provided this year, including BrainPop, Reading Ally, and Teachers Pay Teachers, all of which are actively used.

If students still need a school picture this year, there is one more session tomorrow afternoon (anyone who had a spring or fall photo is included already). Additionally, candid photos are still needed for all grade levels. They can be sent directly to Mrs. Callahan or sent through the TreeRing app.

Today was the first day of the new cohort schedule so there were some children in classrooms who haven't been together in the classroom yet this year. There was a lot of excitement among the students to see one another for the first time.

The theme for next year is "Dive into A New Year of Learning."

Principal's Report

It was great to have a lot more children in the building as the new cohort schedule began today, and while the year has had challenges there were a lot of positive learnings and the children have been incredibly resilient.

The promotion ceremony and 5th grade party will be held on the same day. Parents will be able to attend the ceremony as it is planned for outdoors.

There is some progress in planning a Field Day that follows appropriate COVID protocols. It may not be able to be held with parents, and/or we may need to separate grade levels, but plans are being put in place to hold an event this year. More information will be shared once plans are finalized.

Adjournment

Renee Tisi adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Meeting attendees:

Renee Tisi, Hillary McWhorter, Dan Griffin, Denise Wyers, Michelle Grunbaum, Chrissy Trank, Mike Ticehurst, Tara Sottong, Valerie Zieniuk, Joe Bookholdt, Sophia Knapp, Debbie Galant, Kristine D'Ambrosio, Jessica Castranova-Brooks, Theresa Timian, Jen Mirando, Elaine Griffin, Salvatrice Ferraris, Kortni Zhivotinsky, Carrie Willis, Teri Burke, Jennifer Zodda, Trish Pasteras, Lisa Miller

Submitted by Chrissy Trank, Recording Secretary

4:55 PM

04/09/21

Accrual Basis

James W Alexander PTA
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2021

	<u>Mar 31, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
James W Alexander PTA	9,884.41
Legalized Games of Chance	353.30
Total Checking/Savings	<u>10,237.71</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>10,237.71</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>10,237.71</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	24,797.37
Retained Earnings	-10,753.79
Net Income	-3,805.87
Total Equity	<u>10,237.71</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>10,237.71</u>