

Minutes – General Meeting

December 10, 2019

Call to Order – 7:17 PM

Quorum established – 7:17 PM

Hillary McWhorter motioned to approve the November General Meeting minutes with no changes. Dan Griffin seconded. None opposed. Minutes were approved with no changes.

President’s Report

Renee Tisi delivered the President’s report. Several successful fundraisers were held this month, which will be reported on in more detail during the meeting. As we go into winter break we are grateful to everyone for their contributions.

Treasurer’s Report

See attached report for details.

Correspondence/Box Tops

Dan Griffin shared a letter from a local business, Martial Arts with Heart, which they sent to introduce themselves to the PTA. We also received several thank you notes for the fall Book Fair, including notes from Mrs. Noo, the 3rd grade teachers and 5th grade teachers. The PTA sent a thank you note to Dance It Up with Music for their donation and support of our first annual Dance-A-Thon.

Mrs. Everett’s class won the Box Tops party for submitting the most Box Tops this fall.

Dance-A-Thon

Overall the Dance-A-Thon was a great success. The PTA is grateful for the support from the teachers, staff, and school community. Some future suggestions for consideration were raised, including moving to January, which is a less busy time than the fall. Some younger grade teachers suggested allowing their grades to “free dance” for 15 minutes. An hour timeframe for all grades moving forward was also suggested – younger grades really enjoyed their time and the older kids didn’t need 90 minutes. We received great feedback on the Dance It Up staff and their involvement. We are still finalizing expenses but current estimates are for a profit of around or just under \$7000.

Pie Sales

100 pies were sold during the Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Total sales were over \$1400, with profit of \$198. A suggestion was raised to add \$1 to the cost of each pie next year to increase profits.

Candy sale

We are currently at \$4200 in sales, which could go up as online orders are still open. We receive half of total sales. Product will arrive prepackaged for each student. We learned that this candy sale overlapped with a middle school candy sale; it was suggested that we look into dates next year to try to avoid overlapping with the middle school sale.

Gift Cards

We received 42 orders, and in those orders sold 503 gift cards. Total sales were \$13,030; we made 741.26 in profit.

Spirit Wear

The most recent Spirit Wear sale totaled \$780 in sales. Profit is still being calculated and will be reported in a later meeting.

Chili's Night

No report yet on sales/totals; we will cover at a later meeting. A 3rd grade parent who works at Chili's set this up for the PTA.

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop will be set up following tonight's PTA meeting, and sales will begin tomorrow. Will report on the event at a later meeting.

Holiday parties

Room Parents sent out reminders this week for parties and teacher gifts. The gift from the PTA for all students are gloves with Spartan logo and tech fingers.

Dance

The Sweetheart Dance will be held on Friday, February 7, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. This is a free event and we will not charge for pizza, drinks or snacks. More details will be discussed at the January meeting.

Founder's Day

Founder's Day will be held on February 19. Seven teachers are nominated for service this year. 3rd grade concert will also be held that night. The PTA programming will take place first, followed by the concert. We may need to look into membership records to ensure we recognize PTA members in addition to teachers. Kristine to follow up with Sandi Gallucci, Membership Chair, on PTA membership for recognition.

Tricky Tray

The Tricky Tray committee held their first meeting, and plans and shopping are well underway. The committee requested that information be included in the newsletter, on our website, and on our Facebook page so that members and the school community know we are looking for support/donations. This information will also be shared with the Room Parents for distribution. The committee has already obtained a television, an American Girl doll, a camera, an Xbox, a hoverboard, a vacuum, and an air fryer. The event date is March 20 and will be held at the Nottingham Ballroom.

Learning Ally

Mrs. Camilleri requested time on the agenda to request the PTA's support in obtaining Learning Ally for the school. Learning Ally is a program that engages children, builds vocabulary, and supports reading stamina. Learning Ally can be used in whole or small group instruction or in independent reading centers. For a cost of \$1599, all students/teachers will have access in classrooms, and students who need additional support would have an individual license that can be used individually/outside the classroom. Dan Griffin motioned that the PTA provide the funds to purchase this program. Dawn Costantini seconded the motion. No one opposed. Members commented that this is a great example of the kind of enrichment and classroom support that the PTA aims to provide with the funds that we raise.

All Other Business

Chrissy Trank requested members contact her ASAP with events that need 50/50 licenses so that she can begin applying for licenses, which take several weeks to obtain.

A member requested that the PTA email newsletter if possible or have copies at meetings to ensure everyone receives it.

Teacher's Report

Teachers reported that their students are still talking about how much they enjoyed the Dance-A-Thon. The 3rd graders are very excited about the carpets that have arrived from the Book Fair. The teachers thanked the PTA for the Book Fair efforts and for other support provided.

Principal's Report

Mr. Bookholdt reported that the Barnes & Noble night was very nice. The new music teacher did a great job preparing the students even though he joined the school very recently. He suggested we consider ways to bring teacher readers back to the event, but have the readings condensed and some before and after/singing to help ensure all readers have audiences. We could also consider going back and forth with readings and songs, especially if we could relate the songs and the stories.

Report cards will be distributed on the 19th and will be entirely online; Mr. Bookholdt requested that parents inform office if there are issues signing into the system to review report cards.

The last day before winter break, December 20th, is a full day, with class parties starting at 2:15.

The NJSLA (state test) schedule is being planned. WE should have dates early in the New Year. If necessary, the PTA will adjust the spring Book Fair dates will be adjusted around the test dates.

Renee Tisi adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Meeting attendees:

Dan Griffin, Deirdre Clementi, Patrick Mackey, Lisa Meseroll, Dawn Costantini, Megan Vizcarra, Staci Caruso, Ashley Reid, Marisa Pellitteri, RaNae Camilleri, Joe Bookholdt, Trish Patsaros, Danielle Wiltsey, Lisa Miller, Lisa Gray, Dana Perelli, Erin Andahazy, Jenn Zodda, Keri Carlton, Mirian Chorba, Theresa Timian, Denise Wyers, Lori Hutchins, Renee Tisi, Michelle Grunbaum, Kristine D'Ambrosio, Kim Jeanette, Hillary McWhorter, Chrissy Trank

Submitted by Chrissy Trank, Recording Secretary

10:58 PM

12/05/19

James W Alexander PTA
Reconciliation Summary
James W Alexander PTA, Period Ending 11/30/2019

	<u>Nov 30, 19</u>
Beginning Balance	19,690.91
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 29 items	-6,765.75
Deposits and Credits - 17 items	24,503.20
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>17,737.45</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>37,428.36</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 17 items	-7,322.55
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-7,322.55</u>
Register Balance as of 11/30/2019	<u>30,105.81</u>
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 3 items	-2,087.93
Deposits and Credits - 2 items	4,804.00
Total New Transactions	<u>2,716.07</u>
Ending Balance	<u>32,821.88</u>