



PTA General Membership Mtg.-12.7.23 @ 7:00pm

Attendance: Kelly Heilman, James Patti, Carl Albert, Shannon Moodie, Traci Hilliard, Amber James, 9 members, Mr. Schartner

1. Welcome - President's Remarks

- Kelley Heilman calls meeting to order at 7:03pm
- Thank you to volunteers for all the support so far this year
- Happy Hanukkah to all those who celebrate
- Need a lot of volunteers to execute plans
- Fun Run prizes were distributed in November
 - Following up with Loaves of Fun for Mrs. Spicer's class

2. Treasurer's Report

- Last month we had Restaurant Night at Chuck-E-Cheese-raised \$510
- Candy Grams-so far we've been able to raise \$410
- We would like to add a \$300 budget line for Holiday Staff Appreciation
- Carl moves to vote to buy school staff a Keurig \$250—all in favor
- Candy Gram funds will go to Staff Appreciation items
- Won't touch funds for Spring Appreciation

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve November meeting minutes-all in favor

4. Committee Updates

a. Candy Grams

- Justine Pullen-Candy Grams will be delivered on the 18th for distribution before the Break

b. Reflections

- Entries being reviewed tomorrow and submitted to the County

c. Teacher Appreciation

- Jennifer Rebelez shopped for holiday items, sign up for donations to coffee bar will go out in this week's newsletter, also donations for gift cards
- Will bring in treats on Weds. Dec. 20th

d. School Directory

- Board decided not to move forward with publishing directory
- Disappointing because the information is very limited
- If member wants information in it they can request it
- Sent out Google form for last ditch effort, got approximately 32 entries
- Directory maybe just not worth the effort

- Focus on Kindergarten Directory?
 - Some people request info from their child's teacher for other parents
 - Family members organically connect to share contact information
 - Encourage families to bring their contact information to events to share with other parents
 - More opportunities to bring families/community together will help families connect
- e. **Fundraising**
- Potential Panera Day in January, others pending
- f. **UES Day of Service: 1/15/24**
- Will be held at the Urbana Fire Station Banquet Hall
- g. **UES Play Production**
- Kids will vote on play selections after Break
 - Auditions for Play begin 2.26.24
- h. **Art and Chess Club**
- Chess Club will not continue in Spring
- i. **Family Nights**
- BINGO Night in November, hope to do another BINGO Night later this year
 - Dec. 15th-Movie Night-Doors open at 6:45pm, movie starts at 7pm
 - Encourage friends to come! Share contact info to set up playdates over Break
 - Need volunteers: doors, pop popcorn, sell snacks, communicate with food trucks
- j. **5th Grade Committee**
- PTA helped pay for 5th grade t-shirts
 - More planning after the 1st of the year
- k. **Strawberry Festival**
- Advertised to have meeting on 11/20, only Board showed up
 - Need additional volunteers for Strawberry Festival
 - Need carnival game facilitators!

5. Administration Remarks

- Lots happening at school!
- Most excited about school leadership—scholars, student council, student ambassadors, student council getting voice in what is happening at the school
- Want the next few weeks to be fun—not Christmas specific, but just fun for everyone
- Family Friday-tomorrow-S'mores kits to take home
- Jan. 12th-Frosty Family Friday
- Science Night 30th of January, snow day 31st want more involved in County Science Fair, want to get everyone excited about it
 - Ms. O'Branowich looking for speaker
- History Club-info went home via FindOut First on Mon. or Tues.
- Spelling Bee to be held in January-Ms. Oxenford will be leading
 - Encourage scholars to participate in both History and Spelling Bees (3rd, 4th, 5th)

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6. Closing Remarks – Next meeting January 2024

- Call for questions, concerns
- Kelley closes meeting at 7:51pm

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