

TRAILSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PTA MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. TMS Library

1. Welcome

Greg Ogorek (President) opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed parents and staff, and introduced the following board members:

Vice President - Bob Wright

Vice President – David Goodfriend

Treasurer - Lisa Weber

Secretary Jean Ault

Vice Principal – Patricia O’Connell

Staff representatives: N/A

2. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the PTA Budget vs. Actuals as of 10/26/2016 was made available, and Lisa Weber highlighted some line items. Membership is at 350 (with more coming in), up from 303 last year. Under “Income,” the 7th grade dance brought in \$1,137.00. Expenses noted included \$665 for the school musical for scripts, etc., \$381.52 for the back-to-school breakfast for the teachers, \$1,127.00 for the 7th grade dance photo booth, and a few dues/fees. The current cash balance stands at \$21,021.94.

3. Committee Updates

a. Spirit Night – Marna Gettleman – Chair

Marna Gettleman reported that there is a TMS PTA restaurant night on October 25th at Fuddruckers to coincide with Spirit Week. Proceeds are from both dine-in and carryout sales. No flyer is necessary. There also will be a restaurant night on February 20th at Chipotle. She is working on a date with Sweet Frog in May.

b. Staff Appreciation – Mary Gubler/Lynn Hall – Co-Chairs

Mary Gubler reported that the November “First Friday” teacher appreciation will be a coffee cart sponsored by Schmidt’s Sunoco.

c. Dances

i. 6th grade Dance – Jennifer Wesson – Chair.

The 6th grade dance will be held December 2nd. Check the “Volunteer” section of the PTA website if you would like to help.

ii. 8th Grade Dance – Virginia Kennedy – Chair

Melba Lesam reported that planning for the 8th grade dance is going well, and they are progressing toward the date of October 28th. The dance will have a Halloween theme. Food will be provided by Subway. Tickets will be sold for \$5 during lunch.

d. Volleyball – Lisa Figueroa – Chair

Bob Wright reported that there is an ongoing T-shirt design contest for the volleyball game, with submissions due on October 28th. The game versus Farmwell Station Middle School will be held February 4th at Broad Run High School.

e. Musical – Kim Ogorek – Chair

Scripts have arrived and the musical selection will be announced soon.

f. Reflections – Saige Burns – Chair

Bob Wright reported that this National arts program is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their talents in the arts, such as writing, film, photography, visual arts, music, and dance. The program issues honors and recognition for their submissions. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 4th at 4 p.m. in the front office.

g. Teacher Grants – Margorie Lee – Chair

The period for grant submissions has closed. The submissions requested \$8,000, while the PTA has budgeted \$6,000. The committee will meet to evaluate grant proposals on October 28th. There was a question regarding what happens when the requests are over budget. It was stated that usually some requests can be partially funded. The PTA could also revisit the budgeted amount if necessary.

h. Volunteer Committee – Toni Hansen – Chair

No report.

i. MSAAC (Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee) – Colleen Mullen – Chair

The committee is focused on equality in education for minority students. They met October 19th from 7-9 p.m. in the Academic Building.

j. SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) Joanne Aceto/Aundrea Foster – Co-Chairs

No report.

k. LEAP (Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents) – David Goodfriend – Chair

No report.

4. Principal's Report – Patricia O'Connell

Mrs. Beichler is on vacation, so Vice Principal Patricia O'Connell provided the report. Mrs. O'Connell reported that it has been a busy month with three field trips, the book fair, an author's visit, and internet safety training. The teachers have been continuing their training in personalized learning. Many students probably have completed their first personalized learning diagnostics. Spirit week is next week with the following dress up days:

- Monday – Pajama Day
- Tuesday – Dress Like Your Teacher
- Wednesday – USA Day
- Thursday – Superhero vs. Supervillain
- Friday – Halloween Costume Day.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next general meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:30 p.m.
