



Minutes

EAST PRAIRIE PTA GENERAL MEETING

January 10th, 2017

Attendance: Erin T. Stein, Frank Santoro, Lisa LaPata, Edyta Wydmanski, Kristine Hernandez, Karen Gavrilovic, Angel Weiss, Kathy Byron, Tammy Manta, Duke Gavrilovic, Jessica Hornick, Claudia Lopez

1. Call to order/Welcome: Claudia called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. President's Report:
 - A. Magnet sales will start the 13th and end the 27th. Karen created a flier which will be sent out this week. Email Claudia with questions.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Monthly report-December balance on hand 12/1/2016 \$\$9836.68; total income: \$7436.41; total disbursements: \$6867.16; Balance on hand 12/31/2016 \$10,405.93 (see attached report for details)
 - B. Fall fundraiser income is received and invoices paid, Panther Days from PTC night came in, and Book Fair sales are in and invoice is paid.
4. Secretary's Report:
 - A. Copies of December minutes were distributed.
 - B. Claudia moved to approve the minutes, Frank seconded. December minutes are approved.
5. School Report:
 - A. There is a second vision73 meeting on Saturday, January 14th. This is a repeat of the 1st, so if you missed the first meeting, please come.
 - B. At the January school board meeting, a preliminary calendar for the next 2 years was discussed. These calendars are attempting to condense the school year as much as possible to ease the burden of constructions. Additionally, the days off for the religious holidays are being eliminated in 2018/2019 (they fall on the weekends in 2017/2018) to put EPS in line with the rest of the schools in the township. Please share any feedback you might have with the PTA Secretary in advance of the February school board meeting.
 - i. Questions posed at the meeting included whether the park district would be able to provide interim care for children between the end of the school year and when summer camp starts.
6. Committee Reports:
 - A. Bike Safety
 - B. Boo Hoo Breakfast
 - C. Book Fair-Thanks everyone for helping out! Thank you to the teachers for bringing their students down. This year was a great success, with \$500 more in sales than last year. From the profits, we took \$1250 in cash and \$1200 in Scholastic dollars.
 - i. Someone suggested getting a coin counting apparatus for next year.
 - D. Box Tops

- E. Calendar
 - F. Cultural Arts
 - G. Family Art Nights – Thursday, February 9th. More info to come!
 - H. Family Dance
 - I. Family Movie Night
 - J. Family Picnic
 - K. Family Reading Night
 - L. Fundraising – (Cindie Anderson, Judy Warchol)
 - i. Spring Fundraiser will be the Read-a-thon. Details are being worked out now and will be presented in February. Will run in April to correspond with D.E.A.R. week and Family Reading Night.
 - ii. Committee is brainstorming ways to get more people involved. Welcoming any ideas!
 - M. Panther Days
 - N. Fun Fair
 - O. Gym Clothes
 - P. Health and Safety
 - Q. Ice Cream Social
 - R. Membership
 - S. Reflections- (Denise Damasco) PTA Reflections theme this year was "What Is Your Story?". Representatives to advance to the state level have been chosen. There are 20 students from EPS that have entries advancing in 5 categories.
 - i. We are looking for a volunteer to take over for Denise on organizing this program. If you are interested, please contact Claudia L. or Abby T.
 - T. Room Parents/volunteers
 - U. School Supply Prepacks-Kathy is getting ready to send letters to teachers about updating their lists for next year.
 - i. Kathy needs a co-chair! If you are interested, contact Kathy Byron!
 - V. Spiritwear
 - W. Teacher appreciation week
 - X. Website and Communications
 - Y. Partners for Learning
 - Z. Volunteers
7. Unfinished Business-
8. New Business
- A. Jump Rope for Heart is February 13th! Information will be forthcoming.
 - B. Ms. W is looking for input from the PTA on inviting families for cultural night and perhaps pairing up with family art night. Maybe an “international” night instead of a focus on a single culture. We will discuss adding it to the PTA calendar for next year!
9. Adjournment: Claudia adjourned at 7:39 pm. The next meeting is set for February 7th at 7:00 pm. Please Join Us!