

Clinton Elementary PTA  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2016

**Present:**

Ann Bodnar, Eileen Campos, Jennifer Cudmore, Jonelle Delk, Donna Herley, Annie Horcasitas, Verna Jackson, Kathleen Hong, Verna Jackson, Jeff Lehman, Jess Murphy, Margy Nolan, Ambra Teague, Antoinette Gelin

**Absent:**

Andrea Beck, Timothy Beaumont, Arden Canecchia, Candice Davenport, Paul Gaykowski, Sharon Geraghty, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Maureen Jones, Michael Mack, April Mason, Renata O'Beirne, Katie Rumley, Norman Villatoro

Jonelle Delk moved and Eileen Campos seconded the motion to open the meeting.

Verna Jackson moved and Jonelle Delk seconded the motion to approve the November 2016 meeting minutes.

**Ann Bodnar** provided the **Principal's** Report:

Several staff and PTA members attended a Leader in Me workshop at a local Leader in Me school. The program was very informative and provided opportunities to ask questions about implementation and design. Principal Bodnar is requesting funding from the Board of Ed to help Clinton implement the program.

The staff set 3 overall school goals for the year

- read 10,000 books
- collect 30,000 box tops
- reach 1 million minutes of motion

The goal of the Leader in Me program will be to develop a common language throughout the school and community to support the development of students' leadership qualities. We will be celebrating goals that are reached along the way.

**Jeff Lehman** and **Jennifer Cudmore** provided the **Teachers'** Report:

The teachers shared that the teachers focused on one of the 7 habits of highly effective students (sharpen the saw) at a recent staff meeting.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade's 50/50 raffle finished this week. They will try to sell tickets before and after school to try and reach the goal.

They thanked Jonelle Delk for all of her work with enrichment.

**Jess Murphy** provided the **President's** Report on behalf of **Liz Gordon**:

Teachers Holiday Luncheon: The Holiday Luncheon for the Teachers' will be December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will need some help for the event to run smoothly and Liz will email the board to request assistance.

General PTA meeting: The next General PTA meeting is February 2, 2017

Trivia Night: Trivia Night is January 20, 2017 – start putting your team of 10 together now!

Meeting Start Time: At the next board meeting we will vote to determine whether to move the start time at the monthly

Raz-Kids: The board discussed the request to use PTA funds to pay for this on-line reading program for the remainder of the year (approximately \$2,470.00). During the discussion it was suggested that the accounts only be purchased for k-2 and multi-age. The board will be provided with additional information about the cost to cover this smaller group and then the board can vote on the expense.

**Jess Murphy** provided the **Vice President's** report:

Presidents Council: (a) Substitutes - Dr. Ramos discussed the shortage of substitutes. They are looking at other ways to increase the pool of substitutes. (b) Action Plans -The Board of Ed will vote on the action plans for the strategic plan at the next meeting. (c) Inclusion signs - "Hate Has No Place Here" signs will be discussed with the principals for possible posting at the schools. (d) STEM HS - The town of Orange bought the vacant school in South Orange. It will be a STEM High School and there will be 50 spots for SOMA students. (e) Redistricting - There was no redistricting update. (f) There will be additional middle school open houses to help families who are trying to determine placement.

**Jonelle Delk** provided the **Treasurer's** report:

\$51,296.49 bank balance

Gentle reminders: Please do not leave any food in the PTA closet (to avoid attracting vermin) and look for supplies in the closet before purchasing additional supplies.

**Eileen Campos** and **Margy Nolan** provided the **Fundraising** report:

We will make about \$2,000 with Charleston Wrap orders.

The Tricky Tray Auction is March 24<sup>th</sup>. The PTA board will be asked to contribute to the wine pull. Please bring a bottle of wine to the next meeting or donate \$20.

There will be a shoe drive in late January

We are on track for fundraising.

**Verna Jackson** provided the **Membership** report:

300 members to date. Thank you to all the teachers that recently signed up.

**Jess Murphy** provided the **Community Events** report on behalf of **Renata O'Bierne**:

The craft fair was a success. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the planning and running of the event.

**Anne Harding** provided the **Garden** and **Courier** reports:

The November/December issue of the Courier will be out before the winter break. There are a lot of student submissions.

There were no Public Relations, Emeritus, or Special Education reports.

**Annie Horcasitas** provided the **ELL** report:

Annie has met with all the ELL teachers and will be working on parent outreach. The ELL teachers are: Ms. Fritas, Mrs. Fearon and Ms. Gelin.

Jonelle Delk moved to close the meeting and Eileen seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley