

Clinton Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017

Present:

Andrea Beck, Ann Bodnar, Eileen Campos, Jennifer Cudmore, Candice Davenport, Jonelle Delk, Paul Gaykowski, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Donna Herley, Verna Jackson, Jeffrey Lehman, Michael Mack, Jess Murphy, Margy Nolan, Ambra Teague, Katie Rumley, Jamie Ramsburg, Danielle Ferland, Jamie Ebright

Absent:

Arden Canecchia, Annie Horcasitas, Sharon Geraghty, Kathleen Hong, Maureen Jones, April Mason, Renata O'Beirne, Norman Villatoro

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

Jonelle Delk moved and Eileen Campos seconded the motion to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes.

Danielle Ferland and Jamie Ramsburg provided the **School Show** report:

We are three weeks away from the show. We have most of the green rooms needed for the acts. Directors will be able to talk with teachers prior to the show to understand specific green room expectations. The show is looking for an adult to supervise the runners during the dress rehearsal and the shows. Ticket forms will be sent soon and families will be limited to 4 tickets per family. There will be two Saturdays when make-up rehearsals can happen.

The show committee is proposing to rent sound equipment for the show to address missing and/or damaged equipment. The show would like to have a mixer, speakers and floor microphones. The equipment will work with the pieces the school already has in place. The cost is \$2,300 and is within the annual budget for the show. It will help the show evaluate what the school should buy for next year.

The proposal was put forward for a vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the sound equipment rental proposal.

Margy Nolan and Jamie Ebright provided the School Auction Report:

The committee has 55 silent auction items and 2 live auction items so far. The hope is to have 125 silent auctions items and 8 live auction items. 25 of the 50 wine bottles have been acquired. (Board members who have not yet donated wine please contact Margy to coordinate your donation). 10 tricky tray baskets are ready and they are working on 10 more.

The committee is working to secure dinners/parties. Please consider offering one and spread the word that more are needed for the event.

Invitations will be sent next week.

They are working on the program and could use graphic design help. Jonelle has 3 CHS students who might be able to help. Jess has the "In Design" program that may help. Eileen will try to get the soft copy of last year's program from Heather.

The committee is looking for a DJ/musician. Let them know if you have suggestions.

The board suggested having a sign up genius for volunteers during the day of the event.

Andrea is working on the teacher prizes.

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

Principal Bodnar shared that the state's focus school team will be visiting again on Tuesday. The school is ready for the visit. There are a lot of exciting and innovating teaching techniques happening at the school. The board discussed working on some PR for the happenings at the school.

A short discussion of the Leader In Me program was held. The board would like more information about how the program is applied to the lower grades. Principal Bodnar is working on ways to share this information.

Anne Harding provided the **Garden/Courier** Report:

Anne discussed the need for succession planning for her role. She shared that at least one other school in the district is paying a gardener to improve consistency and help with coverage during school breaks. She discussed the need to determine what the community wants to get out of the garden.

Anne will summarize her vision and share it with the teachers for their input. The teachers will also solicit feedback from the students.

The January/February edition will be sent out in the next week. If you have an item for submission please let Anne know.

Liz Gordon provided the **President's** Report:

Trivia Night: Thank you to everyone for making this a great event. The profit was \$2,300 and there is a lot of interest to hold the event next year as well. The teachers suggested using a bigger projector and stronger sound system. The school may have these available.

Teachers' Grants: We've been able to fill all requests and most of the partially funded achieve requests. We have \$1,200 left in the fund.

Teachers' Lounge Microwave - The new microwave is in place.

Indoor Recess – They are looking for ideas and possibly volunteers to help with enriching recess.

Presidents Council: (a) They are looking at removing the band/chorus/orchestra requirement for middle school due to lack of staff; (b) they are looking for budget to train the lunch aides on restorative practices; (c) welcome to the district packets will be provided to out of district students in the fall; (d) Mayor DeLuca attended and talked about the fact that there is limited room for growth in Maplewood.

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

\$54,156.27 is in the bank account.

Raz-Kids: Funding is underway and will be completed soon

Mr. Lehman and Ms. Lachmund are proposing to update the wall mats in the gym. They are pricing the costs now. Some funds are available from Locomania profits.

Andrea Beck provided the **President Emeritus** report:

It is time to start thinking about preparing for the nomination process for the 2017-2018 school year. Please let Andrea know if you would like to remain in your role (if your term has not expired) or be considered for another role. Please also let Andrea know if you have any recommendations for new board members.

Eileen Campos and **Donna Herley** provided the **Fundraising** report:

Read-a-thon - This is underway and will run through March 3rd. The logs are electronic and focus on time spent reading not money raised. Each child can contact teachers and family to support their reading goals. It is very collaborative. The goal for the event will be 10,000 minutes read. We will host a read in on February 27th from 6:30-8:00 in the evening. The event has already beat its goal ...twice! Over \$5000 is pledged so far.

Vera Jackson provided the **Membership** report:

There are 301 members to date.

Candice Davenport provided the **Cultural Arts** report:

The next assembly, Corey the Dribbler, will be on March 3rd.

The Achieve foundation Night of 100 dinners will be on March 4th. If you are interested in hosting a dinner contact Candice for more information.

The International Dinner will be April 20th

Katie Rumley provided the **Special Ed/PTO** report

David Lieberman is the interim Director of Special Services. He is very well regarded.

The next SEPAC meeting is March 6th; the next PTO meeting is February 21st and will focus on transition from middle school to high school.

There were no Teachers, ELL, PR, VP reports.

Candice Davenport moved to close the meeting and Eileen Campos seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley