

PTA General Meeting – September 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Nadia Moysey, PTA President

The Board Members were introduced to the PTA members present.

- Amy Wolin, Vice President
- Jill Kiss, Secretary
- Pam Warren, Co Treasurer
- Christina Davis, Co Treasurer

Approximately 25 other PTA members were present at the meeting as well.

Nadia gave a brief review of the recently held Back to School Bash. It was a successful and well attended event, and we met our fundraising goal for this event.

Discussions were held on upcoming events and fundraisers to include:

- **Winter fundraiser** (bingo/movie night)
 - This fundraiser will be used for the buddy bench program
 - Marissa McFarland and Jill Shelnut are heading up Buddy Bench/anti bullying program
- **Spring Dance**
 - Free for PTA member families
 - Planning to be held in Spring time – close to the end of the year
- **International Festival**
 - This event is held in March and is a great activity for school
 - Need a committee to help out with Festival
- **Spirit wear for children and parents**
 - Clemson Elementary t-shirts will be available for purchase
 - Looking to launch this in the November timeframe
 - Should be a fun fundraiser without the door to door sales
- **Spirit Sticks**
 - Fun collectible for kids
 - We provide a ring and CES spirit stick for each child
 - Looking for a 1 to 2 per month sale during morning dropoff
- **Volunteer needs**
 - Nadia emphasized the need for new volunteers in the following areas:
 - **Restaurant Night Coordinator** (Jessie Dvergsten is setting them up, but we need help with photo copying, flyers, set up, etc. Doesn't require tons of work but it is definitely necessary

- **Volunteer coordinator** – During the meeting, Kelly Boland volunteered to take on this role.
 - **Teacher appreciation helpers** - Davis Rapp is heading up Teacher Appreciation
 - **Website management** - Need someone to handle the website and update the information on it. Jessie Dvergsten can help get you started.
 - **Vice President** - Nadia is leaving mid year. We need a person to take on VP role as Amy steps up as President.
- The following 2018/2019 Budget items were discussed.
 - Explicit line item to show that budget surpluses from 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 would be used for artist-in-residence programs (\$11,000). We raised more money than we were hoping to. Voted last year to use this money for Artists in Residence programs. Each grade level gets a budget to bring in a program suitable for their grade. Need to move this to the “Other Income” category on the budget sheet.
 - Use of pre-2016 budget surplus to fund a free dance for families (\$1,000)
 - Increase teacher mini-grants to \$50 per teacher
Julie Simoneaux, the Teacher Liaison for PTA explained the importance and value that the grants bring to our staff.
 - Increase initial teacher appreciation budget to \$500
 - Remove expense for accounting fees (not necessary)
 - Increase our fundraising targets (and expenses) to account for spirit wear and spirit stick programs

Nadia Moysey made a motion to approve the modified budget as presented at the meeting.

Amy Wolin seconded the motion.

Motion passed. Budget approved.

- The PTA Bylaws were discussed.
 - Low attendance is typical.
 - We raised the membership fee from \$5 to \$8
 - 12 people required to meet quorum (down from 25)
 - Required to hold 2 general meetings per year (down from 3)

Nadia motioned to approve the changes to the bylaws.

Jill Kiss seconded the motion.

Motion passed. Changes to the Bylaws approved.

- The floor was open to all members to discuss issues/concerns/suggestions.
 - A suggestion was made to perhaps provide childcare during an evening meeting
 - Board meetings will be most likely held in the daytime. We may alternate day and evening meetings. We are aiming for first Tuesday of the month at 12:45 pm.

- A concern of people wanting to be involved during the entire process and not just at the time of the event to provide an item or volunteer at the event. We need to improve communication so that all members can participate in all aspects of PTA events to include the planning process.
- A suggestion was made to have a barn/country dance as the theme for the Spring Dance. A suggestion to have a few line dance instructors to teach line dances was made. We need to keep in mind the budget when planning the event.
- Teacher Appreciation will be in the Spring. Davis is planning a catered lunch – need volunteers, class lunch escorts, prizes and donations. Cash is welcome. Local business donations welcome. Every staff member receives recognition. Several different suggestions were made on how to appreciate our staff on a monthly basis. Davis is looking for volunteers to help her pull off these monthly events. Any help is welcome, and we need an army of volunteers. Davis will create a letter and distribute to all teachers to disseminate to all students. Room parents are needed as well. Jamie Young and (name?) agreed to help lead the monthly teacher appreciation events.
- Shannon Quattlebaum is heading up Art by Me this year. She needs help with labeling. This is work that can be done at home. Please contact Shannon if you are able to help.

Meeting dismissed at 10:15 a.m.

Our next board meeting is on October 2, 2018 at 12:45 p.m.