

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

Call to Order: 7:03PM

- Welcome- Co Presidents Jeanine Quigley and Rebecca McCrea
 - The 3D Printing Club shared a presentation. Dr. Maurer thanked the PTA for donating two 3D printers for the school. Advisors, Mrs. Feldherr and Ms. Sorice, work with 4th and 5th grade students on STEM-based hands-on activities using 3D technology. They have a Mini-Club for 4th and 5th graders who are not part of the club but are curious about 3D printing. Advanced 3D Club students showed projects they designed and created to solve real world problems.
- Approval of Minutes- Corresponding Secretary- Jane Yun
 - Kim Panek and Amy Hoffman approved the minutes.
- Treasurer's Report- Samantha Stanley
 - November opening checkbook balance of \$14,766.80 and a closing balance of \$13,636.28. December opening checkbook balance of \$13,636.28 and a closing balance of \$27,105.62.
- 1st VP Report- Didi Vega
 - A. Apparel- Representative Lillie Conroy
 - Sale is ongoing. To order, email Abbeyapparelpta@gmail.com. We are out of youth medium and large sweatshirts and t-shirts.
 - B. Specialty Apparel
 - 187 orders came in. People like new design. Thinking of doing another sale in April.
 - C. Bowling
 - Had a nice turnout with 60 bowlers and 85 people altogether. Kids and parents had a good time. Parents asked to do it again in the Spring.
 - D. Mets Game
 - 100 Tickets sold. Deadline extended to 2/15. Goal is to sell 200 tickets to go on the field for the National Anthem.
 - E. Picture Retake Day- Chairperson Jennifer Bailey and Holly Kennedy
 - Everyone got pictures back, but if you haven't, please reach out.
 - F. Pie Sale Recap
 - Received text messages from people who enjoyed their pies.
 - G. Secret Store- Anne Schubeck
 - Store went well. Received suggestion that 5th graders could help younger grades pick out items because little ones had some issues.
 - H. Poinsettia Sale- Tiffany
 - We didn't get too many sales, but next year we could promote and advertise it better.
 - I. Annual Fundraiser
 - Lost our venue last minute. New venue at St. Bernard's Cafeteria. Invitations will go out this week. Event is Friday 3/22 5:30-9:45. For people who want to solicitate, we have letters you can give out to businesses. Please promote class baskets so we can get more donations from classes.
- 2nd VP Report- Erica Kerr
 - 5th Grade- Candy Bouquet Fundraiser to give at Winter Concert. Pre-order at January 22. Pick up candy bouquet after dropping off students in chorus, band, or orchestra. Flyer on Parent Square and paper copies will go out to 3rd-5th graders this week. Cash or Zelle payment only.
 - Yearbook- 5th graders need to fill out questionnaire. Boosters must be written and paid for, and pictures uploaded by 2/1. Reach out to Erica or Yearbook Chairperson, Kamal, with any questions.

- 3rd VP Report- Amy Hoffmann
 - Elementary/Secondary Curriculum
 - Dr. Z shared state of the district presentation which can be found on district website. Highlights new courses and other district initiatives. New graduation requirements to include ½ credit financial literacy among other items.
 - Secondary PT conferences will be virtual next year. Elementary will remain in-person.
 - There will be an in-person elementary parent university held in March this year. Exact date TBD. More details to come.
 - Food Service- Loretta Rolon
 - As of Jan 2, 2024, students receive free breakfast and lunch. It is a 5-year program. Bussers and walkers can come and get free grab-and-go breakfast starting at 8:45-9:10. About 45 kids come in to get breakfast now.
 - Health/Safety
 - No meeting. No report.
 - SEPTA
 - Next meeting 1/22. Speaker from YES Community Center, Larissa Singh, who is a counselor will be speaking on optimizing youth mental health.
 - Family Night at last meeting a huge success.
 - Transportation- Gabriella Fonseca
 - Only kindergartners require a parent at the bus stop.
 - Reflections- Wendy Herman
 - Mrs. Schneider's class participated. Special thank you to Erica, Jen, and Michelle for going through all the submissions.
 - Someone Special Dance
 - Event is on 2/9. Grades K-2 6:15-7 and Grades 3-5 7:15-8PM. Chairperson is Georgia Arvanitis. We will have crafts, photo spot, a DJ, and bake sale. Looking for volunteers.
- 4th VP Report
 - No Report
- Corresponding Secretary- Jane Yun
 - No Report
- Delegate Report
 - PTA Council Meeting- Kim Panek- No report
 - Board of Ed Meeting Michelle Sewitch- Working on security updates and upgrades.
- Standing Committees
 - A. Cultural Arts- Amy Hoffmann
 - January 29 and 30- 3rd grade Mad Science- Fundamental Forces
 - February 1 and 2- 4th grade- Journey in American Indian Territory
 - February 6- School-wide SO Fun City Gameshow
 - B. Membership- Rebecca McCrea
 - Had raffle for new members. Mr. Speranza won gift card. We currently have 232 members. 100% goal is 257 members.
 - C. Nominating Committee- Amy Hoffmann
 - We have a committee. A letter will go out in the beginning of February stating you can send in letters to nominate people to be on next year's PTA Board.
 - D. Honorary Life
 - No Report
 - E. Reflections
 - No Report
- Principal's Report- Donated his time to the 3D printing club presentation. If you have any questions or would like to talk about anything, he is available.
- Unfinished Business- None reported
- New Business- None reported

Adjournment Time: 7:39PM
 Notes written by: Jane Yun