



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
1/11/2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order at 0848 am by Kristine Hawthorne (President); and Ashley Mull (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL: 5 Board Members were in attendance: Kristine Hawthorne (president), Stephanie Campbell (treasurer), Anastasia Glennie (VP), Marti Freeman (VP), and Ashley Mull (Secretary).

Cory Representation: Joan Weiser (Principal), Dawn Miller (Library), Amber Bourgeois (Math)

Also in attendance: see attached list

December 2018 and January 2019 Minutes will be approved at next meeting

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE (Joan):

--We have used staff learning days to focus our goals. Upcoming leadership retreat will identify our goals for professional development for coming year
--Mrs. Weldy's position will be filled by Brianna Rimkiss (sp?), Rosalie (current para) will take the other half; we will repost the position in March when we have a larger pool; we still haven't been able to fill open para position
--We will have additional support in Math coming up
--Open houses by PTA parents are appreciated
--New Website update: thank you to parents for feedback; need new DPS publisher; expect to have it up and running in coming months

4. TEACHER UPDATE (Amber):

--Salary and benefits negotiations are still in progress with the district, and their offer is improved
--Strike VOTE will be on 1/18/2019—may not go forward, we still don't know
--Thank you to PTA for holiday gifts and to Cory Families for support with teacher salary negotiations

5. GARDEN COMMITTEE (Skeeter):

--No garden currently (Winter), but we do have raised garden beds; we are planning to donate 1 to teachers and 1 to community; we do have an operational irrigation system; basically the garden is fully functional at this point
--Summer and I are looking for co-chairs, so that we can transition the project successfully in coming years
--Kids harvest from garden, earns money for PTA, and also they sell harvest to the Cafeteria; All organic
--We may be looking to limit/focus our garden fundraiser events to avoid multiple asks from the community; soliciting input from parents about what fundraisers are most meaningful to them (Mother's day, Valentine's Day, etc.)

Chicken coop:

- disciplinary issues have resolved. We have 4 chickens and we are looking to get 12 chickens total. We are getting fertilized eggs soon, and we have borrowed an incubator and will be going on in Ms. Guerrero's classroom to start
- After hatching we will need to keep them inside until May when they are fully feathered. We may pass them along from classroom to classroom
- Educational curriculum being shared w/ teachers
- Price range quoted to PTA was \$8000 for start-up costs, we went over on that due to unforeseen costs. We are over about \$3000 for start up costs.
- Annual operating budget projected to be \$743 / year
- A family donated Solar Panels so will get those installed soon

Call for Vote (Kristine): to put the costs of the Spring Coin Drive this year to offset these increased costs; will revisit every year and student council will decide what they would like the money to go to

--*Approved by Majority*

6. CSC UPDATE (Jennifer):

- Cooling situation: we are looking into the logistics of air circulators; we don't believe we are getting money from the district and if we do, the bond would not kick in until 2020; CSC members and Joan are meeting w/ Baker next week to determine how they addressed this question
- Auction Paddle Raise Item possibly; *Board Member concern: should PTA be paying for facilities improvements?*
- Budget cycle next meeting
- Next meeting 2/13

7. DINE OUT EVENTS (Erlen):

- Good income from recent Dine out and retail event, about \$1100 in December
- Vialle coming up next month; Bonnie Brae tavern, Mod Market coming up
- We will pass on noodles and company partnership

8. ART NIGHT (Stephanie):

- Upcoming, and we have sign-out genius coming out
- Feb 7 is the date, we need volunteers

9. AUCTION UPDATE (Leisa):

- We have sent out a sign up for volunteers
- We are looking for help w/ marketing and data entry
- First meeting is next Wednesday at Danielle Gooden's house
- Theme: the Love Boat*
- Moving to a paperless experience; have everything online; electronic catalog
- Art project for classrooms? Are teachers interested in continuing this? Vs Grade project? Or just having teacher treasures?

10. EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (Marti):

- Board is moving forward with business sponsorships
- Some of business sponsorships will be going toward auction
- Different tiers of sponsorship (\$10K on down); with banner/advertisement
- Marti needs assistance with this if anyone is interested
- Worked w/ Dawn Miller on Grant for Robotics supplies

11. ARTS COMMITTEE (Stephanie):

- Feb 27 2nd/3rd grade to see Ella Enchanted (all day event)
- Alternate date Feb 20th because 2nd Grade teachers have PD day that day, may not be available
- 4th/5th grade set for Wizard of Oz

12. BUDGET UPDATE (Stephanie):

- Budget for next year is going to be coming out in next few months

--Looking at paddle raise asks (STEM bundles, music for band, other)
--Book fair was very successful

13. ADJOURNMENT: Kristine adjourned the meeting at 1000

Ashley Mull

Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

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