



Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting 9/7/2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order 9/7/18 at 0850 am by Kristine Hawthorne (President); and Ashley Mull (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

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

Cory Representation: Joan Wieser (Principal), Dawn Miller (Librarian), Brendan Doyle (Teacher)

Also in attendance: see attached list

Minutes from 5/2/18 were approved.

3. SECRETARY UPDATE (Ashley):

- Review of Memberplanet Platform
- 48 current families, we are still actively soliciting members
- >\$1K raised for member dues so far

4. PRINCIPAL UPDATE (Joan):

- Drills starting in September; information coming out through parent post
- Art Committee working on organizing events; aligns with our mission/vision of Creative Expression
- Working on Differentiation during Tuesday Professional Development; taking time to think about opportunities for that
- Open Para Position (we are thinking we may get retired teacher, formerly working at Cory)
- GT conference coming up, we are planning on sending some staff
- Enrollment goal 416; current 412
- Website update: new logo vote today. Working on new website.

5. BUDGET UPDATE (Stephanie)

- Review of budget from 2016-17, 2017-18, and projections for this year (see attached)
- Last year we purchased the outdoor PA system. We proposed last year to move the \$4500 for that to the Arts Committee this year.
- We were over-budget for Volunteer Appreciation last year and we will work on that
- Largest items are Para Salaries, Freckle (previously Front Row)
- Bookies events (previously teacher supplies) coming up soon as well.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

--Arts Committee (Stephanie). Members include Laura, Pam, Stephanie, Haven, Teachers/Staff. We would like every grade be able to go off-site to performance and also have every grade get to see a performance here. A lot of these are

already in process. \$4500 is not going to cover this, so parents will be asked to contribute small amount (\$10) for field trips. Stephanie will reach out to Andrea Alexander regarding Art Night and will vote a future meeting to perhaps allocate more money to that

--Cory Dine outs (Erlen). Members include Jennifer Reed and Mark Smiley. First is 9/24 (Monday) at Old Chicago, lunch and dinner. Kids come home w/ stickers, but we could use help w/ additional parents helping hold up signs in am.

--Grocery Cards (Jen Alison): Safeway and King Sooper. Loaded with \$5 and it comes w/ \$5 on it, then you load additional money onto it, and they give 5% back to Cory. You can get your own card by leaving money in the office mailbox. New cards are now available for Safeway.

--Sam Sturhahn: We need to get a chair for Benefit Mobile / Amazon Smile (per Anastasia, Mary Beth Carpenter is interested)

--Friends of Cory (Travis). Members include Eric Anderson, Pam Wandry. Starting in a couple weeks. This is the one direct giving campaign of the year. 9/17-10/18. Motto is "Keep it Simple, Give Generously, and Give Early". Budget goal is \$70K. Last year \$75K w/ 65% Family Participation. Next Friday information coming home in Friday folders.

--Directory (Alison Yeh): did not have one last year. Request for information will go out next week. Will go into Cory App, but may be accessible only to teachers/staff.

--Anastasia (Committee Chairs): Friends of Cory in good shape. Spooky Story Night (still need chair; Shay Champ interested in helping). Yearbook (still need chair; Mark Smiley helping). Teacher Appreciation (need chair). Fall Carnival Oct. 7 in good shape; Graphic artist? (Jack Sassoon - interested)

7. CALL FOR VOTE (Kristine)

--\$4500 approved by majority vote for Arts Committee for this year

8. CSC UPDATE (Jennifer):

--Next week meeting 1st coming up; ongoing will be 2nd Thursday of the Month from 4-6 pm

9. UPCOMING EVENTS:

--Raising Media Stars coming up Oct. 9 at 6:30pm. Dawn Miller and Ashley Mull are coordinating for this event.

10. MISCELLANEOUS:

--PTA suggested to Cory that we send out some basic items from the Parent Handbook in Parent Posts (weather procedures etc.)

--Merrill is looking to get water filters approved (PTA at Cory paid for this last year, but going forward may be issue of equity among Public Schools and push for DPS to pay for these upgrades).

--Lisa Cervantes-Glynn: Could we have better communication between Cory PTA and Merrill PTA? Steele has a rep that goes to Merrill PTA. Could Cory have a representative or a group of people from the PTA that acts as liason w/ Merrill PTA?

11. ADJOURNMENT: Kristine adjourned the meeting at 957.

Ashley Mull

Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

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