



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
1/12/18**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order 1/12/18 at 0845 at by Andrea Kupfer (President); Ashley Mull (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

Next meeting Feb 22 2018, evening at 6 pm.

Minutes from 12/1/17 were approved.

2. ROLL CALL: 4 Board Members were in attendance: Andrea Kupfer (president), Anastasia Glennie (VP-Community Events), Stephanie Campbell (treasurer), Ashley Mull (Secretary).

Also in attendance: see attached list

3. AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

4. CSC UPDATE (Stephanie):
--Jennifer out with sick child; CSC busy with principal search.

5. BUDGET UPDATE (Stephanie):
--Having success w/ small checks coming in from box tops, the Bookies, etc.
--One request from Dawn Miller: mid-Winter Library conference (\$200)
--We additionally are still hoping to get outdoor PA system before the Spring Concert; the lowest estimate is \$4500, but we don't have the money for this quite yet. One idea is to have the outdoor PA system as a paddle raise this year at the auction; there is some debate as to whether this was included with the indoor PA system paddle raise last year, but a PTA member suggested that this wasn't definitely included.
--PTA board will communicate w/ Liz and the staff to determine school needs as well
--Budget for next year is being considered and will likely be discussed at the next meeting

6. PTA PRESIDENT UPDATE (Andrea):
--We need to approve the bylaws; but we also need to decide if we are changing membership dues
--Stephanie thinks we need to clarify what the dollar amount equates to in terms of voting rights
--Anastasia suggests eliminating the family membership dues, and increasing the general PTA membership dues from \$10 to \$15
--There was concern voiced from a PTA member that this is a 50% increase in one year; however, it was brought up by another PTA member that the national PTA membership dues have also increased over the years (\$6.50 out of \$10 currently goes to national PTA)
--A PTA member suggests that we just need to be clear with family about why we are doing the increase, and where the money is going, and that we haven't had an increase in awhile.
--We will plan to vote on this at the next meeting.

7. CALL FOR A VOTE (Stephanie):

--Majority voted to approve \$200 for Dawn to attend Library Conference

8. MISCELLANEOUS

----Idea was floated to ask parents to pay for RazKids next year; apparently this has been done in the past

--Another idea is to have parents write a \$30 check when registering the child at the beginning of the year, to cover some of the “asks” of the PTA during the year

--Alternatively, a PTA member suggested that we might have the option for families to purchase a “packet” (which would include auction tickets, costs for RazKids, etc.) at the start of school year to pay up front for these events as well as contribute money to the PTA to cover “asks” during the year. However, another PTA member suggests that this is a time of year that a lot of families are struggling to buy school supplies, etc.; additionally the Friends of Cory campaign could be affected by another early fundraiser. Another PTA member suggested that this could be offered at the same time as EduKits in the Spring, to take some of the financial burden off families at the start of the school year.

--Stephanie will ask office staff to get “asks” from Teachers and other staff before the beginning of the year

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Grocery cards (Sam): We are still getting a small amount of money coming in every month for grocery cards, benefit Mobile, etc. We would like to promote this more in the Spring. We might need to make a separate line item for this in the budget. Benefit Mobile is an app that can be used to apply discounts to certain vendors, the vendor then turns around and gives small amount back to the school.

Box Tops (Kiva): we earned \$400+ dollars in the last drive, which is more than we have earned in the past. We have an annual goal of \$1000, which we have not met since 2013; but we may be on track this year to meet the goal. Next drive due date is March 1st. Anastasia suggests that she can sponsor a popsicle party for winning class; however, Kiva states that it is sometimes hard to determine which is the winning class. It may be possible to make a whole-school reward for meeting our goal; Anastasia will talk to the student council about this.

Auction (Jaala). Ticket sales will start next week. We are doing series pricing this year, where the ticket price will increase as the event gets closer. We are inviting grandparents this year as well. Location is confirmed at the Cable Center, theme is “Price is Right,” the date is 4/20/18, 6:30pm-9:30pm. We have all donations for alcohol already; and caterer is in the works. Silent auction items will go to Lindsey. Leisa will send out a sign-up genius for sub-committee work and additional needs for the auction. We are looking for donations that will match the theme including jet ski, car lease, washer/dryer, etc. If you are interested in helping please contact Leisa or Jaala directly.

Cory dine-outs (Dana). January 22nd and January 23rd are the next dine outs, to be held at Viale Pizza. At that time you can also be entered in a raffle and receive coupons for a local pilates studio. We are going to do another Craft Alley event (beer) by email only, Jan 28-Feb 4. During February President’s break we will be doing an event at a breakfast/brunch place Four Friends Kitchen, Feb 19-20, 7am-2:30pm.

Art night (Sam): Pizza will be available. Tuesday 2/6/18 from 5:30p-7:30p. Theme this year is “Art with Purpose.” There will be 4 stations, and children can make items to either keep for themselves or to donate to organizations in the community, such as hearts for preemies. We will be soliciting donations from families for up-cycled items for the event. A PTA member asks if we can we have “tip jars” for PTA donations at this event? Consensus is yes, and Kiva will bring it.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Andrea adjourned the meeting at 0947.

Ashley Mull

Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

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