



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
3/2/2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order 2/22/2018 at 8:45am by Andrea Kupfer (President); Ashley Mull (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

Minutes from 2/22/2018 were approved.

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

Also in attendance: see attached list

3. AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

Next meeting: 4/6/2018; 5/4/2018

4. PRINCIPAL UPDATE (Liz Tenacate):

--Cory Website status: new site started through DPS process. Plan to start over the summer with that. Gathering names of people who want to be involved w/ the website going forward.

--Joint CSC and staff/parent meeting to welcome the new principal, we are looking at March 23rd. This would be a meet and greet, would start w/ staff meeting, then the new principal would have a greet on playground at drop off with students/parents, and then she will come into the cafeteria at 8:45 to meet with families. Liz is going to confirm the date.

--Andy Osborne is leaving Cory for personal reasons. We have a replacement we are excited about bringing on.

--We are recruiting a certified teacher for math program/ math support.

5. BUDGET UPDATE (Stephanie):

--Stephanie has been working w/ CSC Rep and with Liz to organize the budget for next year

--One thing they are working on is being more intentional with "asks" such that we are more in line with the school's overall Vision; and there is a more organized, clear and streamlined process for approaching the PTA for money ---

--Review of this year's budget

- we discussed having a specific person/committee lead for next year events ready to go; there is also a binder that Jen is trying to find in relation to these events.
- Yearbook: Cheryl Ekstrom, Stephanie will check in with her regarding what the ins/outs of that project are.
- District approved a 5% raise across the board. We will need to budget \$150K for specials and paras next year.
- Class supplies: not that helpful because teachers can easily get supplies, and also there is no way to track what is being purchased. We are discussing giving \$100 at the beginning of the year to the administration for the teachers to spend on

supplies; and then another \$100 gift card during teacher appreciation week, the gift card would be to Bookies or similar to be used in a way consistent with the vision for the school (also see CSC update below)

- **We will vote on this next meeting.**

--Liz discussed w/ Stephanie that it would be helpful for the PTA to support our teachers and school with mini-grants to go to trainings etc. This would take the place of individual teacher/specials "asks."

--We will be left with appx \$450 (net positive) balance at the end of the year if we stick to the budget

--It is proposed to have a separate budget breakdown just for the auction; Andrea is working on this

--We will vote on the overall PTA budget at the next meeting.

6. CSC UPDATE (Jennifer):

--New para helping with Math intervention

--Working on recruiting math specialist

--We worked on budget for school for next year, and we are going forward with a net positive, though the budget is still tight

--Teachers can get supplies; but they cannot get money for trainings etc.

--Discussed w/ Liz gifting the teachers a "night at the bookies" which will benefit all children and align with our mission and vision.

--We may be looking for parents to help w/ writing grants to cover RazKids etc.

--2 CSC Vacancies; blast going out this week. Every year we are hoping that 2 veterans will stay, and then will have 2 new parents. Tyson is going to stay and another veteran will likely stay. They will need 2 new members.

--March CSC meeting is cancelled

--reviewing final numbers for the teacher/principal's "ask" for the auction paddle raise and will get to Leisa soon

7. PRESIDENT UPDATE (Andrea):

--We approved the bylaws at the last meeting. We raised the membership to \$15 for all members and took out the family vs individual membership (there will just be one general membership).

--We will have an open position for PTA president next year. We will start advertising for elections soon. If anyone is interested in leading the committee please contact Andrea.

8. AUCTION UPDATE (Leisa):

--We are under budget so far.

---We would like to discuss exactly how much we will need to raise during the paddle raise to pay for what we would like; Leisa is meeting w/ committee on Monday to put a value on every donation we have had so far. We would like to make sure we have enough money coming in to meet our auction objectives. Live auction and paddle raise were the highest earners. Stephanie plans to attend that meeting as well.

--We are discussing having an online raffle ticket option to have a grand prize

--Stock the cellar fundraiser at Fascinations Art Street coming up.

--We have sold 75 tickets; we would like to sell around 350.

--Still looking for donations. Danielle is taking over the communication about auction

--We received a large donation from a family to purchase a large item that will hopefully stay in the Cory community for years to come!

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

--Tours (Laura): we will need assistance with giving tours next year; this is an easy and fun volunteer opportunity. If you know of anyone who is interested please contact Laura Quartarone.

--Garden Committee (Summer): they have gone through a lengthy process with DPS to get approval for this, and now they are hoping to get the money from a paddle raise. They are hoping to start off with 8 chickens. They are hoping the kids will learn something unique from this experience. About 15 families during the summer will create a chicken co-op that will help care for the chickens; in exchange they will keep all the eggs for that week. Coop is \$6500 and all the additional expenses will be around \$850 / year. Garden committee plans to make this self-sustaining by supporting ongoing costs w/ funds raised from sales at the farmer's markets and donations throughout the year. They are hoping to raise \$8000 in the paddle raise. They are meeting w/ student council today to raise around \$800 for the first year expenses.

--Leisa has the numbers from Liz/teachers for their wish for paddle raise. They would like a chrome cart for each classroom (\$7000 appx) – long term 6 additional carts (\$47K) – idea is to spread over 2 years so that we might be able to help partially cover the expenses in the paddle raise

--Stephanie: don't want to have the outdoor PA system as part of the paddle raise, but hope it can be part of the overall auction proceeds and friends of Cory etc. Stephanie will add to the overall budget.

--Andrea will start to recruit for Friends of Cory this year, so that hopefully we can exceed our proceeds from prior years.

10. CALL FOR A VOTE (Andrea):

--Paddle Raise: 3 Chrome Carts and Chicken coops. Total is \$32K. We will do 3 carts first, then Chicken coops, then 4th cart. Majority approved.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Andrea adjourned the meeting at 1015.

Ashley Mull

Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

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