

Spring Creek Matanzas Charter PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Wed, September 14, 2011

Meeting began 6:40pm

Approval of proposed budget 2011 - 2012 school year (2 min.)

- Voice vote approved the budget.
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REPORTS

- **Principals' Report** (5 min)
 - Toolbox program off to a great start. Parent training coming soon and classified staff training now.
 - Thank you for backpack hooks. They are here and to be installed soon at both sites.
 - New superintendent raising bar and making better teachers and principals.
 - Science lab is getting better use due to more careful scheduling and parents helping to set-up. 3:1 student computer ratio at both schools. 40 ipads were purchased for student use with remainder charter funds. Both schools are getting security systems (IP cameras). Lights too?
- **Treasurer's Report**
Approval of Expenditures (3 min) – Sunnie
 - Expenditures = backpack hooks, first day donuts, small tax penalty 34.00 from 2008 year, Walk-a-thon 2 checks from last year, small activity, see attached checking register
 - Sunnie is going to limit writing checks twice a month. If you buy something for PTA, keep receipt and turn in with form from PTA website
 - No items on expenditures that were not previously approved.
- RVEF (2 min)
 - Legends flyer coming out. Every 4th Saturday, money for RVEF. Support as you can, they are low on funds.
- PTA Volunteer forms from BTS Night (1 min)
 - Every classroom had a volunteer form in classroom. Low sign-ups.

Update on Fundraisers - next steps (5 min)

- **Entertainment Books** –Tina
 - Friday 9/16//11 = last day of entertainment books. Please return unused books. Teachers have list in classroom. Collecting on Friday afternoon.
- **Cherrydale** -- Tracy/Dina
 - September 28th for two weeks. Students earn prizes.
- **Winter See's** – Tina
 - Discussed procedure for winter See's fundraiser. Will occur after Cherrydale fundraiser, in late November before holiday break. See's fundraiser has fast turnaround.

- **Dine & Donate nights** – Tracy
 - Working on doing one for every month of the year. 387.00 for Mary's Pizza Shack. Wed, 11/9 = Chuck-E-Cheese, 2 crepevines scheduled (1 in October and 1 in December).
 - Katherine shared that Applebee's does a pancake breakfast, min. of 100 tix, 10.00 each
 - Sandy's Take n Bake does 20%
- **Box Tops**...look for flyer in Thurs folder
- **Walk-a-thon** -- Sunnie
 - \$3500.00 is the cost for t-shirts for all students (650 kids that we buy for shirts)
 - Low on t-shirt sponsorship (corporate sponsors)
 - Fundraising fatigue, Austin Creek and Strawberry also on the same day.
 - Shirts are \$5.00.
 - Sunnie suggests postponing. Need 40-50 people to make it work.
 - Sunnie proposes early April and end of March, Friday, March 30th.
 - Many sponsors need a request 90 days before event. **Need to get sponsorship letters out in December.**
 - Discussion: Will it always be in the spring? Can it ever be in the fall?
 - Carnival numbers? Businesses want to give product vs. money. Put carnival as a different event.
 - ***Walk-a-thon event will be rescheduled to Friday, March 30th.***

Membership Update (3 min) -- Alicia

- \$1924.00 collected as of now. 233 members last year, 134 signed up as of now. At each school, pizza party for class with most memberships.

Assembly updates (3 min) -- Liz Ponts / Mary Hortin

- Big Bad Bruce puppet show 9/21 at 12:45pm.
- Zumba – 2 Tuesdays in October
- Sonoma County Taiko drummers (\$400.00)
- Any free or low costs assemblies, please share ideas with Mary.
- Parents/staff want Mr. Music back at Spring Creek for Halloween.
- Zumba for Matanzas right before Winter break.
- Bats coming to Matanzas (JC instructor)

Communications (4 min) – Cathy/Colleen

- Discussed some free ways to communicate vs. Constant Contact
- See attached proposed Spring Creek Matanzas Charter PTA 2011-2012 Collaborative Communications Plan

Winter Workshop planning (2 min) – Ali

- Sat., Dec. 2nd
- 14 craft tables, snack shack, face painter, cake walk
- 6th grade Christmas carolers
- Need more volunteers
- Picture with Santa (Emily = has suit? Anyone interested?)
- 6th grade/High School Volunteers

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Meeting Adjourned 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Mackura