



Oak Lawn PTG

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October 24th, 2017 Oak Lawn PTG Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/24/17

Location: School Library

Meeting Called to Order By: **President Ruthanne Farina** Time: 5:32 p.m.

All 4 board members were present.

Attendance: 20 present at meeting *that signed in*.

Alan DePalo, Ruthanne Farina, Yvonne Ricci, Sara Bogdon, Rachael Clark, Sibel Menezes, Danielle Cox, Olivia Eacueo, Cheryl Eacueo, Jennifer Trabucco, Marisa Iacovone (art teacher), Andrea Liu, Dina DePalo, James Zanfini (principal), Sandy Salvati (Reading), Theresa Vessella (5th grade teacher), Melendy Johnson, Johnna Coupe, Maria Zannella (3rd grade teacher), Melissa Irons.

Greeting (**President Ruthanne Farina**) - There was an introduction of the PTG officers and also an introduction of parents present and their children's names and grades.

Principal Mr. Zanfini thanked the PTG board for all their hard work on the Family Harvest Dance. He explained the new district wide invitation policy. It seemed kids were coming into school and playing games with the invites causing an issue. Schools were being put in a bad place and kids were being very hurtful. He talked to the superintendent about it and a policy was implemented district wide. He said a PTG run sign up list might be the way to go where parents could sign up to exchange info. The 5th grade teachers want to do movie nights at the school to try to raise \$ for all the 5th grade activates and it is a great way to bring all the Oak Lawn kids together. We have been working for 2 years for an ALD program and it will start this winter. He said now may be a good time to discuss this program:

Tara K from the ALD program said the program would start on December 4th, 2017. It will run from after school till 5:30pm. Each day will have different things like yoga, robotics etc. They will rotate things every trimester. Parent will provide a snack and kids will get outside and do homework, art, culinary etc...\$20 per day 2 day minimum per week. 5 days will be \$95 a week and runs on the school schedule.

President Ruthanne Farina – Thanked Alan DePalo for all his work on the dance. Told everyone what a blast the kids had at it. Chelo's family night out was a huge success we should get check soon. The kindness rocks have been sent home and the kids had a lot of fun. Pink day, Picture day, Yankee Candle & Board break info will all be going home soon.

Mr. Procaccianti our P.E. Teacher informed us about a board breaking event being held on November 3rd at the karate school where you could purchase boards to break for \$5 each and the PTG will receive \$4 per board back. The karate school would also offer a free raffle where a child attending could win 2 free weeks of karate lessons and free uniform.

Sara Bogdon – Treasurer, went over all of our finances and let us know that we are in a great position right now. She presented a handout with all of our current financial information it is updated till end of September 2017. The Walk – a – Thon was a hit! We have had over 100 people join the PTG this year. That is a big increase from last year. We have gave more money back to the teachers to buy supplies seeing we were doing so well.

Yvonne Ricci – Vice President, Yankee Candle online and send home packet to sell will be going home soon. Each child gets a folder and can sell a variety of items. Online sales will be shipped home. Ones sold in person will be shipped to the school and we will need to sort and distribute. Online sales would be the easiest. We will be getting 40% back from this event. Box Tops will be going in the mail this Friday.

Mrs. Vessella 5th grade teacher, Talked about hosting a few movie nights at the school. They can make a lot of \$ and will give parents a break. Kids will come in with slips and \$ for movie. 5th graders will bag up popcorn, candy and drinks to sell to make more \$. Info would go home in the Friday folders. \$3-\$4 per movie. We would do 1 movie per trimester. We will need two tables for drinks & snacks and have made as much as \$500 in the past. We currently have 34 5th graders and all money raised will go to fund the 5th grade activates.

Yvonne Ricci – Vice President continued the 5th grade talk and mentioned how the 5th grade basketball game will have 4 practices and 1 game. We will need a coach before we can book time on the court. **Mr. P** said maybe we could get a few college kids to coach. **Mr. Z** said he will touch base with Orchard Farms School. He said Amy Falcone may be able to help set up court dates for practice. **Alan DePalo - Secretary** mentioned that maybe we could get 1 shirt for the 5th graders that could be used for all activates. **Mrs. Coupe a 5th grade parent** said she could help with the yearbook as she is an advisor at middle school for it.

Sara Bogdon – Treasurer, Friday October 27th we will be paying for RI author Jill Austin to come in and read her books to the kindergarten kids and do crafts with them. She will also be donating 2 books to the school library.

Rachel Clark 1st grade parent, Talked about how the Festival Ballet does a widows broom and can come to the school to do part of the Nutcracker. A field trip would be \$8ea to go see a performance. State Ballet does it also.

Yvonne Ricci – Vice President, Funny for Funds will be in February 2018 and will be an R-Rated event. We will need to get business sponsors. We can make some good money with those places. We can try to get \$25 donations and up. If you can call around during the day let us know. We will also do auctions to win baskets. Email us with any questions.

Volunteer signup sheets for future events were passed out.

Meeting Adjourned At: 6:18 p.m.
Minutes Submitted By: Alan DePalo