

October General PTA Meeting Minutes

Mountain PTA



October 1, 2018 / 12:12pm / Meeting called to order by Mhairi McKay-Smith, Mountain PTA President

In Attendance

Karen Morris, Yoly Miller, Todd Baker, Sigrid Wurthmann, Karen Doebling, Cathy Snelson, Elizabeth Daly, Natalie Morgan, Branden Willman-Kozimor, Amanda Padilla, Esther Smidt, Jennifer Kieltyka, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Kristy Ortega, Chris Jordan, Ramey Sallaz

Introductions

Mhairi McKay-Smith made introductions and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained the voting procedures and that only PTA members can vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were distributed from the September General Meeting. Karen Doebling noted an error in the minutes for the sixth grant request which should read "Karen Morris made a motion to approve a \$232 educational grant for lap counting software, toe tags and charms." Minutes were corrected.

Yoly Miller made a motion to approve September minutes as corrected which was seconded by Karen Morris. Approved by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Jordan reported that FUNd Run money is coming in. We currently have \$3,550 in donations from community sponsors which is \$1,550 more than budgeted. Personal donations are at \$6,093.50 which is only about 44% of our goal. All submitted Mad Money reimbursement requests received have been completed. So far \$2,382.97 has been spent out of the \$9,600 budgeted for Mad Money. In grant money reimbursements, \$1,117.35 has been spent on educational grants and \$350 on general grants.

President's Report

Mhairi McKay-Smith reported that the PTA schedule for October is extremely busy but will slow down considerably at the end of the month. She asked those present to encourage Mountain parents to donate to make an investment in the school and to let them know all that PTA supports. The money raised pays for 21 programs at Mountain, as well as field trips, Family Breakfast, a free book and dinner at Family Reading Night, and much much more.

The results of the poll in the PTA Newsletter indicated members were interested in presentations on social media and student wellbeing.

Membership Report

Ramey Sallaz reported that Mountain PTA has 86 members from August to October 1, 2018. This is an increase from last year when we had 65 members at the October meeting.

Principal's Report

Principal Jennifer Kieltyka presented her report. The school district has asked Mountain PTA for \$5,000 for the installation of smartboards/interactive projectors. Installation costs are \$17,000 due to the fact that the district purchased twelve projectors. This is \$5,000 more than the \$12,000 PTA membership approved for the purchase and installation of

three projectors at the May special meeting. Mhairi McKay-Smith explained that since a request was made by the district it had needed to be presented to the PTA membership. No action was taken and the topic will be revisited in November.

New Business

Grant Requests

First Grade Unit - Starting a Business

Todd Baker made a motion to approve a \$200 educational grant for Mr. Johnson's first grade class to buy materials for an economics unit. Amanda Padilla seconded and the grant was approved by a show of hands. Branden Willman-Kozimor (student teacher in Mr. Johnson's first grade class) requested the grant as a loan from the PTA and intends for the class to repay the loan as part of the economics unit.

Smart Boards - Update from Jennifer Guy

Mrs. Guy was unable to attend the meeting. Smart board information was presented by Mrs. Kieltyka in the Principal's Report.

Committee Reports

Fund Run: October 3, 2018

Kristy Ortega reported that the FUNd Run is \$4,000 short of the fundraising goal of \$14,000. The FUNd Run has a great group of volunteers and Kristy encouraged people to come to Urban Park on Wednesday morning. Real life super heroes from LAFD and LAPD were invited to FUNd Run. Kiwanas provided funds to purchase pedometers again this year. PTA is grateful for their support.

Halloween Carnival: October 20, 2018

Carnival chairperson Todd Baker presented his report. Publicity for the carnival is underway with an amazing poster by Mountain parent Paul Ziomek, banner displayed and flyers distributed at the Homecoming Parade, and an ad in the LA Daily Post. Wristbands will be sold for \$10 and can be redeemed for twelve prize points.

Volunteers are heading up key elements of the carnival: games (Natalie Morgan), volunteer wrangler (Lissie Ham), haunted house (Brian Haigh), cake walk (Tyna Jackson), decorations (Ying Meng), SignUp Genius (Cathy Snelson), publicity (Karen Doebling).

Silent Auction @ Halloween Carnival

Mhairi McKay-Smith reported that the Silent Auction is off to a strong start with \$1,400 worth of donations from local businesses so far. She thanked Jackie Chrobocinski for distributing letters. Mhairi solicited ideas for grade-level basket ideas.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

FUNd Run: Wednesday, October 3rd at Urban Park 9-11:30am

Halloween Carnival: October 20th 4-7pm

Book Fair: October 15th - 20th

Teacher Lunches: October 26th & 27th

Next Meeting

Monday, November 5th, 2018 | 12:10pm in the Mountain School Library

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08pm