

PTA General Meeting

October 2, 2015

Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:51 PM
2. Executive Board Reports
 - a. Presidents- Elizabeth Kos & Kim Marrero
 - i. Thank you to Oscar Delgado for stepping up to be the Movie Night Chair!
 - ii. Thank you to Katie Kowal for stepping up to be the Reflections Chair!
 - b. Secretary- Karen Nishimura
 - c. Treasurer- Kirsten Bell
 - d. Hospitality- Dana Frank
 - e. In School Volunteers- Lisa Swicionis
 - i. Room Reps please reach out to your assigned teacher if you have not done so already
 - f. Special Needs Liaison- Blanca Jara
 - i. We are looking into equipment and grants for the playground
 - ii. We are evaluating ADA compliance/accessibility
 - g. Cultural Arts & Educational Programs- Flavio Gonzalez
 - i. Information will be coming out soon about Reflections
 - ii. Plans are in the works for the Artist in Residence. Mrs. Lauritsen is working with us on it.
 - h. Membership & Communications- Debbie Kummer
 - i. Join the PTA if you have not done so already!
 - ii. Calendars have been distributed. If you have signed up to be a member of the PTA, but have not received a calendar, please let us know.
 - iii. Directories should be out soon!
 - i. Fundraising & Events- Katie Vahey
 - i. The Fall Fundraiser is coming up on November 6th. Please make plans to attend and sign up for volunteer positions through the Sign Up Genius sent to you via email. Invitations for the event will be going out soon.
 - ii. There is still time to make a donation! If you have an item, gift card, or experience that you would like to donate, please let us know!
 - iii. Order forms for tickets for the event and raffle tickets for cash prizes and drink prizes will be sent home this next school week (Thursday)
 - iv. Elizabeth Kos announced a PAV YMCA Ames Parents Night Out at the same time as the Fall Auction

3. Committee Reports
 - a. Book Fair
 - i. Raised \$1,187 for PTA during Fall sale
 - ii. Spring Book Fair will be in April around Open House
4. Unfinished Business- none
5. New Business
 - a. Mr. Gierman thanked
 - i. Kim Marrero and Elizabeth Kos for the idea to hold the PTA meeting during an evening event to allow more people to attend
 - ii. Blanca Jara and Katie Vahey for serving on the district committee regarding playground ADA compliance
 - iii. Katie Vahey for gathering necessary information to replace the basketball hoop on the playground
 - iv. Dana Frank for helping with Pizza with the Principal starting at the end of October
 - b. Mr. Gierman invited all to Gabbing with Gierman on the last Monday of the month. The next time will be 10/26 from 8:30-9:30.
 - c. Members suggested
 - i. Halloween Costume Exchange before Halloween
 - ii. Costume Donation after Halloween
 - iii. More veggies with Fun Lunch and other healthier choices to be considered in the future
 - d. Information cards were distributed for RAIN (Riverside Area Inclusion Network)
 - e. Don't miss important PTA information
 - i. Subscribe for email alerts at [amespta.org](https://www.amespta.org)
 - ii. Like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/amespta>)
 - f. Discount cards for Nascar car wash will be coming soon and will be able to be used throughout the year.
6. Adjourn 7:11 PM

Attendance: Kim Marrero, Elizabeth Kos, Karen Nishimura, Kirsten Bell, Katie Vahey, Dana Frank, Blanca Jara, Debbie Kummer, Christine Long, Hyunsoo Lee, Jessica Marasco, Peggy Collings, Amanda McKay, Lucy McMullen, Dawn Eagleson, Joe Skowronski, Nicole Skowronski, Maria Suarez

Save the Dates:

Future PTA Meetings:

- January 8 (During Family Reading Night)
- February 4 (During Family Movie Night)
- April 12 (During Get Up! Get Moving! Night)
- May 2 (Annual Meeting)