

University Academy P.T.O.
Membership Minutes
September 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President, Kelley Caspary

Executive Board Reports~
Kelley Caspary, President

Kelley began with meeting with introducing Dr. Crowe, our new Principal and herself as P.T.O President.

The Executive Board Members for the 2015-2016 School year were introduced. Andre Boyd; Vice President, Valerie Voorheis; Treasurer and Michelle Sullivan; Secretary. The Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 School Year were also introduced. Jenny Beighey; Room Parent Chair, Jane Simmons; Events Chair, Kari Woznick; Fundraising Chair, Erin Keel; Hospitality Chair, Chris Voorheis; Fundraising Efforts for Education Chair, Amy Garrison; Communication Chair, Tiffany Fleming; GO DEEP Chair and Lacey Obos; Teacher Liason.

Review of the P.T.O Bylaw Changes, changes are highlighted in a darker print. Voting of the changes on the next meeting, October 6, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Guidelines that the P.T.O. follows for events and fundraising is that they are brought to the Principal, she has the final decision, not the P.T.O. P.T.O. can't do everything that is suggested to us.

Event Committee assistance, Jane Simmons needs assistance, sign-up sheets available as well as a Go To Sheet for last minute help sheet.

Andre Boyd, Vice President

Andre announced that the P.T.O website, uaptoinfo.org has gone live as of today, September 1, 2015. The purpose and goal of the website is to relieve concerns and increase communication. The website is an one stop destination for all information. It includes PTO Membership form, newsletters and meeting minutes. It also has school events, school store, along with payment options. The PTO school calendar is also posted. It will be updated as events are added.

Items can be paid for on the website. Purchases from the school store and events, that include tee shirts, will be delivered to student's classroom. Suggestions,

questions and concerns can also be sent via email from the website. P.T.O answers emails in a very timely manner.

Michelle Sullivan, Secretary

We currently have 60 families in our membership. Looking forward to many more signing up as we have a full house at the meeting.

Valerie Voorheis, Treasurer

Making improvements from suggestions based on the audit of the 2014-2015 Treasurer books The budget outlook will change not the numbers. The budget is set by the P.T.O. Board of Directors. From funds raised from various events, we've been able to purchase 8 thousand dollars' worth of playground equipment, a laminator, offer teacher support and scholarships for those in need.

Board of Directors, Committee Reports

Kari Woznick, Fundraising Committee

New items are coming later this month to the school store, including a sparkly eagle shirt.

Thank you to Lori Colwell for running the school store.

Chill Yogurt Share Day is on the second Friday of each month. Be sure to mention University Academy when you make your purchase, proceeds from the school are given back to the school.

Original Artwork Fundraiser, students will begin creating this month. In mid-October items will be available for ordering with a mid-November delivery.

Book Fair is September 28~October 02. Lori Clark will run the book fair and will need volunteers. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.

Fall Festival will be on October 23, each class will have a basket and a booth. Room Parents to contact and coordinate with the classes parents.

We will need a lot of hands with the Fall Festival, please contact Kari if your able to help.

Jane Simmons, Events Committee

Father Daughter Dance will be in February. The Mother Son Picnic will be in May. Staring September 11, a monthly Family Breakfast will be in the Cafe.

Come enjoy breakfast with your students. The breakfast will occur the second Friday of each month from 7:30 a.m. until 8 a.m.

Chris Voorheis, Fundraising Efforts for Education (FEFE)

Team already has several members. The four goals of FEFE is Science equipment, a library, sun shade for the playground and Lego Solutions; Robotics. He will inform monthly.

Erin Keel, Hospitality Committee

Will email sub groups with needs for food and materials.

Tiffany Fleming, GO DEEP Committee

GO DEEP assists in getting speakers for teachers, coordination of field trips, anything the teachers need to enhance learning. GO DEEP is requesting one point person per grade level. A person for sixth grade has already been established. If interested, please see Tiffany.

September 28, 2015 Kindergarten will host Community Days. Grades KG~2nd will attend in 30 minute increments. The event will last 2~2 1/2 hours. Various members of the community and their trades will be demonstrated. The students always enjoy this event.

Julie Shurtleff spoke on the library. She is still collecting books for the rolling cart library. She asks for no Disney or Religious books, is in need of Chapter books. The classrooms do have libraries but by having the rolling cart library, students will be further exposed to books and checking them out. Julie also needs assistance with taking the cart to the classrooms. "Guinea Pig" classes have been established, it will be an easy system. The more help she has, students will be able to check out books for often. Please see Julie if you are able to help, as sign-up sheet has also been provided.

Jenny Beighey, Room Parent Committee

Thank you for all that signed up to be Room Parent. Please ask for any help that you may need.

Amy Garrison, Communications Committee

Monthly newsletter was posted on Facebook and sent via emails to families late last week. It will continue to do so monthly.

The school Facebook page will be updated with school events, reminders and information. Will send quick, short email reminders 24~48 hours prior. Text or

email Amy pictures from field trips and in house events.

Lacey Obos, Teacher Liaison

Kelley Caspary spoke in Lacey's behalf.

The main goal is to improve communication.

Spirit Days will change as an item will be requested for participation to benefit grade level service projects. Service Projects to be announced at a later date. Friday, September 4 will be for KG to benefit local food banks. A canned good or non-perishable item is requested.

Dr. Crowe, Principal Report

University Academy exists because of parents who wanted a better education option for their children. We rely on parents. Our door is always open please let us know if you need anything. We're here to help any family that needs it.

Open Dialogue for Members

Meeting times will rotate monthly from a.m. to p.m. to offer different times in attempts to increase turnout and accommodate schedules. A member suggested that meetings for the AM will not accommodate military members. PTO decided to stay with the monthly rotation as there is an evening option.

Member suggestion to increase Spirit Day participation, send a note home. Kelley reminded that the newsletter contains that information as well an update to Facebook. The newsletter was and will be sent out via email prior to the beginning of each month.

Teri Braa made a special donation to Rock and Roll Academy. The hard work and fundraising through Heartstrings, a support group for mother's that have lost a child. Teri and Debbie Vickers donated a Guild guitar from a Beat Better Music Center in loving memory of Teri's son, Justin and in honor of her beautiful daughter Alyssa. Jennye Shaling proudly accepted the donation.

Five door prizes of a free PTO membership and a car decal were awarded.

The next meeting will be on October 6, 2015 at 8am in the school Cafe.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Notes prepared by Michelle Sullivan, Secretary