



**University Academy P.T.O.  
Membership Minutes**  
April 21, 2015  
University Academy

**Meeting was called to order 8:19 a.m. by President Lacey Obos.**

**Executive Board Reports**

*Lacey Obos - President*

Meeting began with a THANK YOU to the members for all of their volunteers hours they have given to the school, PTO - Big or Small - to celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Month.

The Nominating Committee representative Katie Jensen, reported nominations would be closing Friday, April 24th. PTO members would be receiving an email announcing the nominees on Tuesday, April 28th. Voting will be at our next PTO meeting, Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m.

A special presentation was made to Mrs. Vandergrift with a piece of framed artwork of the Eagle which was painted by Illustrator Michael White, during his recent visit.

*Vice President - Jenny Beighey*

Reported that Teacher's Appreciation Week would be recognized during the week of May 4th - 8th. Parents will be receiving more information soon from their homeroom moms.

*Secretary - Vicki Ray*

A Motion was made by Kari Wozniak to approve the March Membership Minutes - it was seconded - Motion Approved.

Membership Update - 2 New families have joined the PTO in the last month, making the membership 121 families.

*Treasurer - Valerie Voorheis*

The approved Monthly Financial Report was presented to the members.

**Committee Reports**

*Fundraising and Events Committee - Kelley Caspary*

Anne Ramsey spoke about the Run the Runway - happening Saturday, April 25th. Chill Yogurt will be out there selling yogurt and proceeds will go to the schools. Friday, April 23rd, help is needed with stuffing bags for the race preparation and marking the track.

Set up will begin at 5 a.m. on Saturday.

If you are a runner and preregister, you can arrive at 7:30 a.m. other wise - 7:00 a.m. to register.

At this point there are 90 runners signed up for the 5K and 10K runs. All of the 1-mile Taxiway Trot finishers will also receive a medal.

Sponsorship collection is up to approximately \$9,000.

There is a need for large coolers if anyone has one to donate for the day.

Kelley shared with the members that when you shop online use the site "[fuelmyschool.com](http://fuelmyschool.com)" as it is free money to the school. Kari Wozniak also mentioned that Amazon Smile page has University Academy as an option to use also.

The school store is now open on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Mother Son Picnic will be Saturday, May 16 and the invitees will be sent home soon.

Kayak Drawing - sold about 200 Tickets, making \$1000. for the fundraiser. Thank you to Sunjammer's for the donation of the kayak for the third consecutive year.

### **Kayak Drawing Winner - Mindy Haghighat**

*Room Parent Support Committee - Danielle Heller*

Expressed her gratitude to the parents for their support for the year.

*Communications - Andre' Boyd*

Continuing with Facebook updates as they come up. Newsletter coming out monthly. A Twitter account will be activated soon.

*Fundraising Efforts for Education Committee - Rebecca Lee*

Grants she is working on are - St. Joe's Community for Lego Robotics Grant  
Scholastics/James Patterson Grant for the Library

*Hospitality Committee - Lindsey Crelling - reported by Lacey Obos*

Lacey shared that Lindsey has served 9 Breakfasts so far to the 3rd to 5th graders for the FSA Testing days. There are 4 more to go with the 5th graders. Students have been very grateful, writing PTO Thank You notes!

*GO DEEP - Adam Good (K - 2); Bridgette Jencks (3 - 5)*

Bridgette shared that the 3rd graders have requested a visit from someone from the weather station. As well as wanting to do a service project with Red Cross, so making contact with them, which they were truly excited about the kids wanting to help.

The 4th and 5th graders are preparing for their trips to St. Augustine and Orlando next month.

### **Principal's Report - Mrs. Vandergrift**

5th graders will be competing at the Junior Olympics at one of the stadiums.

Kindergarten students will have their graduation and dinner at the Armory and K4 is planning their graduation.

Awards ceremony date will be announced soon also.

The process to find a new Administrator is ongoing and will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Vandergrift will still be there to oversee the finances and construction of the school.

Construction will be 8 additional classrooms and a Media Center.

FSA testing is not yet completed, but we will be doing our own assessments on the students soon.

Mrs. Vandergrift attended the Florida "A" School Recognition Program this week with the Governor.

### **Announcements**

Door Prizes - Thank you to Teri Braa for gathering these for the PTO!

\$10 off Red Elephant - Dee Cassidy

Free Appetizer - Jackie Breckenridge

\$25 Gift Card to Peppers - Linda Rice

Reusable Starbucks Mug - "Super Star Volunteer" - Beth Ramsey

Mary Kay Products - Rebecca Lee

UA Hat - Jane Simmons

UA Shirt - Valerie Powell

### **Adjournment - 8:45 a.m.**

*Next UA PTO Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m.*

*Prepared by Vicki Ray  
Secretary*