

University Academy P.T.O. Membership Meeting Minutes December 2, 2014 University Academy

Meeting was called to order by President Lacey Obos at 6:08 p.m.

Executive Board Reports

President - Lacey Obos

Lacey presented a slide show of a year in review for PTO 2014 - showing what we have done and where any fundraising money has been applied.

The Uniform Clothes Closet was available this evening for anyone who would like to purchase any of our slightly used uniforms. Clothing will continue to be collected, for sales, and to be also made available for the use of students who have various accidents at school, or who are in need of uniforms.

Vice President - Jenny Beighey

Bylaw changes were approved by unanimous vote at the October meeting.

Secretary - Vicki Ray

Vicki presented the minutes from the October Membership Meeting. A Motion was made to Approve the October minutes by Jenny Beighey, it was seconded -Motion was Approved.

Membership Update - we have 117 families with \$960 collected so far. We invited families who had not yet joined PTO, so they could be in the Directory, we received forms from 4 more families. The directory will be sent via email to the membership.

Treasurer - Valerie Voorheis

Valerie presented approved budget report as of November 2014. On this report the Spinami that was purchased by the PTO was not reported on the financials at this point.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee - Kelley Caspary

Announced that at this time, fundraising efforts have reached goal of \$25,000 and she placed markers on the goal poster.

She listed some of the current events in progress such as the Holiday Store would be next week, Tuesday to Thursday. Candy Gram Order forms would be sent out and due December 12th, to the delivered on the 18th. Book Drive is ongoing, Father Daughter Dance committee has begun it's planning meetings.

Room Parent Support Committee - Danielle Heller

Encouraged parents to help room moms with class activities.

Room moms were asked by Vicki Ray - yearbook producer for help in making sure pictures were being taken of activities in the classroom/field trips by a parent and emailed to her for the yearbook.

Fundraising Efforts for Education Committee - Rebecca Lee

Submitted a grant in October with Lowe's Tool Box and missed a deadline in November for a grant.

Working on a grant for Lockhead Martin - which is STEM based.

Asked about using the old carport shades from the new airport, that maybe we could get some use out of them. Would like to proceed with making contact with someone.

Hospitality Committee - Lindsey Crelling

Her committee will be busy with Teacher's Luncheon on December 17 and will need volunteers to help with bringing in lunch items.

Holiday Music Program - December 12, we will be supplying Christmas cookies and punch for the parents - and will need volunteers to help with brining in cookies for the program.

Lindsey is the chair for the Candy Grams, and shared the choices for this year.

GO DEEP Committees - Adam Good (K-2) and Bridgette Jencks (3-5)

Adam - Field Trip for the 1st grade to Challenger Learning Center Bridgette - 3rd - Wakulla Springs 4th - Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum and the FL Public Archaeology; visit from Meteorologist Chris Smith WJHG

5th - Raising money for Orlando trip

Open Dialogue for Membership

Question was asked about how to send out birthday invites, when only wanting/able to send out to a few students. - hand out to the parents before or after class

Principal Report

Likes that we realize that learning happens not just in the classroom, but in other forms and places - such as field trips and we link them to what is being studied.

Playground is still a work in progress, she is not happy with it yet, and appreciates everyones patience with its progress. She is excited about the new toy - the Spinami that will be in place when the students come back from break. Looking forward to basketball and volleyball courts.

School year is going pretty good, there are some concerns about the FL assessment tests. Not making it easy, as the students are to give 5 examples for a way to do a math problem, for example. Encourages parents to know what the states legislatures are doing, as there are a lot of pressure on kids.

Announcements -

Lacey would like to encourage parents to sign their kids up to "help" another, such as ring a bell for the salvation army, serve a meal. Etc

Drawing winner - Bridgette Jencks - \$5 Old Navy gift card

Adjournment - 7:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Vicki Ray

Next UA PTO Member Meeting - Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.