



**University Academy P.T.O.
Membership Minutes
February 17, 2015
University Academy**

Meeting was called to order 8:17 a.m. by President Lacey Obos.

Executive Board Reports

Lacey Obos - President

Lacey began the meeting by listing our Successes in February so far...beginning with thanking all who participated and brought Chili to our 2nd Annual Chili Cook off and the Open House. The Father Daughter Dance was another PTO success. The girls and their dads had a wonderful night. Last Friday, we had Michael White, a children's book illustrator visit - it was a great Language Arts opportunity, the teachers wanted him and we made it happen!

We have formed our Nominating Committee. They were chosen one each by the PTO Board, Mrs. Vandergrift and the Teachers/Staff - Katie Jensen, parent; Page Staffa, parent; and Kristen Winterman, Kindergarten teacher and a parent.

Their job is to select nominees for the Executive Board for the school year 2015-2016. They will begin this process in March. The Executive Board is the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. To note, the Committee Chairs to comprise the Board of Directors is then selected by the Executive Board.

Our PTO Member Meeting has been changed to May 12th at 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. This is due to the 4th and 5th grade field trips. This meeting will be the night we will vote on the Executive Board for 2015-2016.

Secretary - Vicki Ray

A Motion was made by Jenny Beighey to approve the January member minutes - it was seconded - Motion Approved

Membership Update - we have added 4 new families to our membership

An updated midyear calendar is available for the members.

Treasurer - Valerie Voorheis

The Board Approved Financial Report was presented to the Members.

It was noted that the Father Daughter Dance showed a profit, it was not to make a profit, and at this point all of the receipts have not been submitted.

Committee Reports

Fundraising and Events Committee - Kelley Caspary

Report given by Lacey Obos - Run the Runway will be April 25th. We will be adding on a 10K this year, along with the 5K and the Fun Run. Each child under 12 years who completes the 5/10K will receive a medal. This year the run will be a bit creative with the run including the runway, and the front of the school and the neighborhood. Those who want to register can do so online at active.com

Sponsorship Opportunities are also available to local businesses as well as family sponsorship, if you would like your child or family name on the back of the t-shirt. 100% of the proceeds apply to the playground development. Committee meetings with Anne Ramsey will be scheduled and announced soon.

The Mother Son Picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, and those planning meetings will be scheduled and announced soon.

Room Parent and Support Committee - Danielle Heller

Report given by Lacey Obos - Danielle would like to thank the Room Parents and anyone who helped to make the Chili Cook Off a huge Success, as well as all of the hard work associated with Valentine's Day class parties.

Communications - Andre' Boyd

Continuing to keep updates on Facebook with the University Academy activities.

Fundraising Efforts for Education Committee - Rebecca Lee

Report given by Lacey Obos - Last week submitted the LOWES Toolbox for Education Grant - for basketball goals. Working on a grant by St. Joe's Community Grant for shades for the playground.

Hospitality Committee - Lindsey Crelling

Thank you to all who helped with food for the Father Daughter Dance!

She will be needing volunteers for the Mother Son Picnic in May and will be looking to provide breakfast items for the 3rd-5th grade students during the testing days that begin the end of March. Donations are welcomed from parents or local businesses.

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

Kindergarten class went on a field trip to the ATC which included a visit to the Dental Clinic and Media Center and saw Robots. The 4th and 5th grade students are busy with fundraising for their overnight trips and are still in need of funds.

The 4th graders travel to Tallahassee/St Augustine in May for a 2 night trip. The 5th graders travel to Orlando in May for a 3 night trip. These trips are all educational with behind the scene and hands on experiences, covering physics, history, environmental, engineering to name a few.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Vandergrift

Working on the SAC's Credential's Process and a crew will be at the school on April 20 and 21st to inspect everything and everyone. This is to make us an Accredited School. Benefits are for the students in middle school when they are taking classes for credits in High School and when UA is applying for specific grants.

Thank you to all who helped with the Father Daughter Dance.

Testing dates have been given to the teachers and they will let the parents know.

Open Dialogue for Membership

Julie Shurtleff is still collecting books for the Library. There is a bin placed in the breeze way. They are working on a letter to Home Depot for a possible donation of supplies to build a rolling book cart, to be able to bring the books to the students. She would like to make it look like the red box and call it "READ BOX". She said she had a volunteer who would possibly build it for her.

Announcements

Drawing for \$5 Old Navy Card Winner - Lindsay Haid
Chill Yogurt Card Winner - Kari Woznick

Adjournment - 8:58 a.m.

Next UA PTO Membership Meeting - Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.