



**University Academy P.T.O.
Membership Minutes**
January 13, 2015
University Academy

Meeting was called to order by President Lacey Obos at 6:11 p.m.

Executive Board Reports

President - Lacey Obos

Announced that the new playground equipment Spinami, purchased by the PTO for just under \$5000, had been installed and being enjoyed by the students.

A Nominating Committee will be formed for the next year's forming of the PTO Executive Board. This committee will consist of three members who will be chosen by one each - the Board of Directors, Mrs Vandergrift and the teachers/staff. The Committee will seek people who want to run for the Executive Board positions, and anyone interested would not be able to serve on the Nominating Committee. This Committee will be formed and announced at the next month's meeting.

Mrs Maulden - Teacher Liaison announced that Mrs. Winterman was chosen by the Teachers/Staff to serve.

An Open House has been scheduled for February 3rd from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Along with that will be our 2nd Annual Chili Cook - Off. Families can bring, if they choose, a crock pot of chili to share. We will have prizes for categories. PTO will supply the condiments, paper products and drinks. Bay Credit Union will be grilling Hot Dogs for us. Danielle Heller had a sign up for parents and will be sending out a sign up genius link soon.

There will be a Talon Party on January 23rd in the afternoon for the students. They will need to have earned 7 tickets in order to attend. The 1-5th grades will walk to the Armory and the Kindergarten will stay at the school. More information will be sent home soon.

Vice President - Jenny Beighey

Secretary - Vicki Ray

After presenting minutes to the members - Vicki made a Motion to Approve the December 2, 2014 Membership Minutes, it was seconded - Motion was Approved

Membership Update was there had been one new family to join the PTO in the last month. Membership forms were available and members are encouraged to always sign in at each meeting, as well as fill out a slip with their name for a drawing.

Treasurer - Valerie Voorheis

Presented the Monthly Financial report. She made notes about the total in ink - the amount in the hospitality was the balance. She is working on an audit to see where we stand with our budgets. Active Network is beginning to send in money for our 5K race registration.

PTO gave the teachers and staff each a new Spirit T-shirt for Christmas and the teachers also received a \$20 Gift Card for Walmart. Mrs. Vandergrift received Gift Cards from Sonny's, Cahall's and a Dry Cleaners.

Committee Reports

Fundraising and Events Committee - Kelley Caspary

Father Daughter Dance will be Friday, February 6 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Armory. Tickets are \$20 for a Father and Daughter and an additional daughter is \$5. Dress will be casual to semi formal, just no jeans. We will have dancing with DJ Justin Tyme; Hors D'oeuvres; Desserts; Photos - posed with dads and daughters and a photo booth; Souvenir Spirit Shirt

We will have a new student store, a cabinet was made by Wade Ray, and supplies such as hats, shirts, pencils, etc will be sold to the students.

A new fundraiser we would like to do is Coins for Cones, where the a jar is put in each classroom and the students put their spare change in it for the whole month of February, competing with each other per grade level. The funds will go towards helping with playground equipment and class winners will receive snow cones. Anyone who would like to help with heading this up, please let Kelley know.

We have a new Maroon shirt and a new design, that we will be selling soon.

Run the Runway will be Saturday, April 25 and will be having a 5K and 10K along with the fun run for the kids.

The CandyGrams and Holiday Store each made over \$1,000 - very successful.

For the 4th grade Field Trip to St Augustine, they are auctioning off Mrs. Vandergrift's parking spot - for \$1 a chance.

Room Parent Support Committee - Danielle Heller

Expressed her Thank You's to all the parents for their support to the teachers and classes during their holiday parties, etc.

Communications - Andre' Boyd

Shared he posts announcements in the Facebook pages and the emails for updates, as well as the monthly newsletters.

Fundraising Efforts for Education Committee - Rebecca Lee

Shared by Lacey that this committee is working on the Lockheed Martin STEM Grant. If anyone knew of any other grants, to please always let us know.

Hospitality Committee - Lindsey Crelling

Was kept quite busy during the month of December with several events - with the Christmas Caroling, where the PTO served cookies and punch to the parents.

Teacher's Luncheon - to celebrate the holidays and gave them a chance to spend time in fellowship with each other, while the paras watched the classes, then switched so they and the rest of the staff could enjoy a pot-luck type lunch. Food was brought in by volunteers.

And now she is working on the Father Daughter Dance committee, and will be looking for parents to help with some of the dessert donations.

Upcoming is the FCAT and Teacher Appreciation Week.

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

The committee is working on some field trips for the spring and they have scheduled Engineers from Advanced Technology Center with Gulf Coast to speak at the school.

This committee supports our Teachers Curriculum; by providing out side resources to come into the class-rooms or helps make the field trips happen.

Teacher Liaison - Vanessa Maulden

Expressed a Thank you from all of the teachers for the luncheon and gifts before the holidays.

Children's book Artist/Illustrator Michael White will be coming to the school on February 13, to demonstrate to the students how to illustrate a book. This is a funded event by the PTO.

Open Dialogue for Membership

Julie Shurtleff thanked all for their donations for the slightly used Book drive, which is on going. There is a bin out by the front door, and are willing to pick books up also if needed. Their goal is to get the books scanned and give the teachers access, and a rolling cart for the kids.

Principal's Report

The Rock and Roll Academy will hold a concert on January 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Beach in the conference center, donated by Julie Hilton.

February 2nd the students will change music classes instead of the semester, to give a few more days for rehearsal before the concert.

Registration for the new school year has begun, if you have a child who will be in Kindergarten, they need to be registered to be in the lottery. Students with existing siblings will get priority. There will also be one K4 class in the fall, with a limited number of spots.

May 16th the Housing Development will be having an Open House with a Spec Home. There are 50 lots and are working on 100 lots with a retention pond on the side of the school.

Question was asked about the roads and lights on Lisenby and 390 - it was suggested parents call the city and county offices to find answers, make suggestions.

The school will be clamping down on the Tardies and Absences of students.

Testing will begin in March. She has requested for there to be a days grace be given as the test is scheduled after the students return after a 10 day Spring Break week.

She was asked about the 6th graders still being at UA next year - yes they will. We have been awarded the Charter, we have not been given the contract with the District as of yet. Construction for phase two of our school will begin in Sept/Oct, for completion of the next fall.

K-1-2 will continue to take the Iowa test which will be at the end of the year.

Announcements

Tonights drawing included a package of UA items (spirit shirts, bracelets, magnet and a decal) with a value of \$42. - Winner was Donna Dobbs

Adjournment - 6:57 p.m.

Next UA PTO Meeting - Tuesday, February 17th at 8:00 a.m. University Academy