

**University Academy P.T.O.  
General Membership Minutes  
January 12, 2016**

President Kelley Caspary called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Executive Reports-**

**Kelley Caspary, President**

The Nominating Committee needs to be established to search for Board Members for 2016-2017 school year. The committee will consist of three people. One to be chosen by the PTO Board of Directors, one by a University Academy Teacher and one by Dr. Crowe. The Nominating Committee will be announced at the February PTO General Membership Meeting.

Library Read Box, Julie Shurtleff has relayed a message that it's going great and still accepting books. If anyone is interested in helping, please email [uapto@gmail.com](mailto:uapto@gmail.com) and your message will be forwarded to Julie.

Our Eagle Mascot needs a name! Possible ideas are having the students suggest names and vote on a name. More information to follow.

**Andre Boyd, Vice President**

The school received a \$1K grant from Wal-Mart to be used for Science.

**Valerie Voorheis, Treasurer**

Nothing big to payout. \$2K was given to the Teacher Closet.

**Michelle Sullivan, Secretary**

Kelley Caspary called for approval of December PTO General Membership Meeting notes, they were sent to members via email. Jane Simmons called for a motion, Monica second. All were in favor, minutes approved.

PTO have 90 families in membership.

Spirit Day Service Project is hosted by third grade. Third grade is collecting pop tops from aluminum cans. In addition to tops from aluminum cans, they can also be from pet food, canned food; please just rinse them off. This is an ongoing collection. Teri Braa will turn the tops in this Spring to The Ronald McDonald House. The final collection deadline will be known soon. Third grade is also collecting toiletry items to be given to the St. Andrews Bay Center.

**Board of Directors, Committee Reports**

**Kari Woznick, Fundraising Committee**

The 5K planning has begun. We are looking for sponsorships, email will be sent later this week for businesses.

School Store, new items are being looked into such as hoodies and jackets.

New Raffle coming soon, details to follow.

**Jane Simmons, Events Committee**

Father/Daughter Dance- Planning is going well. We still are seeking donations of holiday lights, they don't need to be white. The four countries for the theme of "An Evening Abroad" are Italy, China, England and France. We are seeking decorations to borrow for the evening to represent the countries.

**Jenny Beighey, Room Parent Committee**

Kelley Caspary presented on behalf of Jenny. Let Jenny know if Room Parents can assist with preparing for dance and seeking out supplies.

**Amy Garrison, Communications Committee**

Kelley Caspary presented on behalf of Amy. We apologize with the delay of getting January's PTO Newsletter out, Amy is always on top of things and we had a delay due to the holidays.

**Tiffany Fleming, GO DEEP Committee**

The first half of the school year has gone great. Field Trips planned are 4th grade, St. Augustine. Fifth Grade, Williamsburg and Sixth Grade to Tampa.

**Lacy Obos, Teacher Liason**

Kelley Caspary presented on behalf of Lacy. The teachers thank PTO for the wonderful holiday luncheon.

**Chris Voorheis, FEFE Committee**

Valerie Voorheis presented on behalf of Chris. \$5K was received from Lowe's Grant for Education. It will be used for the library.

Working on a grant for Science with The St. Joe Company. It's 85% completed and to be presented in January. Mrs. Gilliam will serve as the teacher contact.

LEGO Grant is not a top priority but it's on the horizon.

Publix, Andre applied for a grant for the 5K Run.

FEFE will continue to work over the summer. If the current committee is dropped in June, it's not an easy turn around for the new committee as grants are ongoing. Glenda, Monica and Caleb continue to assist Chris with grants.

### **Teri Braa, Rock and Roll Acadmey Committee**

RRA is a wonderful program that is not funded by the school. In order to keep the program we must fundraise. Dr. Crowe has offered a possible solution to have the program paritally funded by the school with making the program half year and to include all grades. We will still need to do some fundraising but it will be managable with partial funding from the school. The idea isn't set in stone but it's a work in progress. It will include a certified music teacher and paraprofessional. It will be a graded class. Art classes may be offered it depends on a certified Art Teacher being located and hired. Rotation for classes will be between Music, Art and RRA. Please stay after the PTO Meeting for a RRA Meeting to further discuss and hear details.

The next RRA concert is January 26 at Fusion.

### **Dr. Crowe, Principal**

Dr. Crowe stated that 2016 is off to a great start! The grants are encouraging. We're looking into a new grant, recycling. The grant will fund scales and bins. The project will be overseen by Second Grade, Waste Pro will collect. It will not be open recycling to the public, it's an inhouse project.

Late February Phase 2 of construction will begin. It will be outback and include 9 new classrooms and a media center. A media center can include anything but will used mainly for computers and a library. The Science Fair will be January 27 at FSU. Fifth and Sixth Grade classes will attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 8:00 am.

Notes prepared by Michelle Sullivan, Secretary

