



**University Academy P.T.O.
Membership Meeting**
March 17, 2015
University Academy

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President Lacey Obos.

Executive Board Reports

President - Lacey Obos

Nominating Committee is: Katie Jensen - who was present; Page Staffa and Kristin Winterman
Their role is to seek out interested PTO members for the Executive Board for the following year, to be voted into office in May. They will email teachers asking for parent involvement, and a parent email.

Volunteers are needed for the Rock & Roll Academy for 2 to 5th graders for 30 minutes sessions. Noted that only half of each grade are participating in Rock Academy at this time.

Field Day will possibly be held May 29th, and we will need several volunteers.

April Meeting is on the 21st at 8 a.m. and we will be celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Month. Our volunteers will be invited for an Appreciation Breakfast for our Thank You and a Fellowship. SACS committee members will also be attending the April meeting and breakfast.

Please note the change in the May meeting which is now the 12th of May at 6 p.m.

Secretary - Vicki Ray

A Motion was made by Amy Garrison to approve the February Membership Meeting Minutes, it was seconded - Motion Approved

Treasurer - Valerie Voorheis

Valerie presented the members with the Approved Financial Report, there was not a lot to point out, and there were no questions asked from the members.

Committee Reports

Fundraising and Events - Kelley Caspary

Run the Runway will be April 25, and participants may register at active.com. Proceeds will be applied to needs of the playground.

We will need help with stuffing bags the week before, if anyone would please like to help.

This year the race will also include a 10K run.

A new t-shirt will be on sale soon, and sold for \$12 each.

The school store will be open one day a week, in the morning.

Mother/Son Picnic will be held on May 16th and plans are underway to prepare for it. Dads are needed to help with games that day. It will be held at A.L. Kinsaul Park in Lynn Haven. Save the Date cards will go out soon.

Kayak raffle tickets are on sale for \$5 and the drawing will be at the April 21st meeting.

Thank you to Brad Stephens, from Sunjammers for the donation of the Kayak for the third consecutive year.

Kelley asked the members their opinions on the Restaurant nights, since we have low participation:
some of the requests were - Have some on the beach also
Promote just one day instead of monthly at the same restaurant

Communications - Andre' Boyd

Working on marketing for the runway, will have a live shots with Paris Janos on April 20th to promote.
Newsletter will be distributed the Wednesday prior to the meeting each month.
New signage has been added to the road side to help remind parent of the meeting, for the week ahead.
We are up to 1000 likes on Facebook!

Fundraising Efforts for Education Committee - Rebecca Lee

Exploring Grants for outdoor movement and curriculum
St. Joe's Community Foundation which will enhance our STEM program with a Lego Robotics - if anyone has any knowledge on this topic we would love help in putting this grant together with all the information we can gather.
Also looking for grants for Shades for the playground, a Pavilion and for the Library.

Hospitality - Lindsey Crelling

Thank you for the help with the food for the meeting

FSA testing Breakfast will begin after Spring Break, make sure the students all get a high protein meal which will help with their concentration. A donation letter was sent out to the 3, 4, 5th grade parents to help with providing these meals. So far, we have collected \$371. With 11 testing dates, between the three grades, it will take approximately \$700 all together.

Andre' Boyd has secured a donation of egg and cheese burritos from the Egg & I for one of the mornings. Thanks to Lacey and Valerie for their help this morning.

Upcoming Events I will have are - Mother/Son picnic, Teacher Appreciation, 5K Race.

GO DEEP - Adam Good K-2, Bridgette Jencks 3-5

Thank you to all who have supported the 4th and 5th grades for their funding efforts for educational enrichments trips to St Augustine and Orlando trips.

5th graders will be going to the Science Center in Fort Walton after the Math testing, this will happen if the District will give us a bus.

Teacher's Liaison - Vanessa Maulden

Faculty Meeting last week - PTO members came and presented the Donor's Choose grants website that is available to teachers.

Lacey announced that the 3 Odyssey of the Mind Teams all placed in the local level. One placed 5th and two placed 1st, which enables them to compete in Orlando at the state level.

Open Dialogue for Membership

Vicki Ray announced that Valerie Powell was now taking care of the Box Tops and Labels for Education in the counting and mailing of them this year. This month she sent in 9490 box tops, giving us \$949.00 equalling over \$1500 for the year's collection. Members asked if we would be collecting again this year, No, but families are asked to continue collecting and save and then send in labels and box tops in the fall.

Was there going to be a K4 graduation - this has not been discussed, but parents are interested

Teri Braa thanked everyone for their donation of the soda pop tops - for the 2nd grade service project, they were able to donate 44 lbs. to the Ronald McDonald's House.

First Grade are doing a canned food drive
Girls on the Run are doing a Pet food drive for Humane's Society

Principal's Report - Mrs. Vandergrift

Accreditation will be next month on the 19th with the faculty meeting, then the 20th they will spend all day in the classrooms. It is a committee of 5 - 4 from out of town and one local. On the 21st they will meet and write their report then present their findings to the faculty and staff, if we pass. The chair came last week and was very impressed with our school, so she has good feelings about the outcome.

We have a new coach - Erick Coker, as Coach Cody Chizmar took a position at New Horizons. Coach Coker worked for Ms. V at Tommy Smith and recently owned Club for Kids.

Testing will be the whole month of April -

3-4-5 grade will have math/reading and 5th will also have science. This is our first year to also have on-line testing. We do not know how they will be scoring the test.

April 10 is Military Appreciation Day - would like to have inspirational speakers that day. Students can wear purple or camo shirts that day.

May 13 will be Shipwreck outing. K - 2nd will need to have a parent chaperone in attendance. K4 will have a water day.

Field day will be some day in May

Lottery Day - there were 780 applications - and only 45 seats. For Kindergarten - 26 of the 50 students are siblings of older siblings.

The UA Board decided to do things differently next year, so the school will be changing leadership positions next year. Mrs. V will not be seeing the day to day, but will be overseeing the construction and financing.

The 6th graders will have a Home Room, Elective and 2 classes of Math/English and then swap. Downstairs they will attend elective classes with Spanish, Rock Academy, Music, etc.

Announcements

Prize Drawing Winners:

Lindsey Crelling - Chill Yogurt
Rebecca Lee - Old Navy \$5 card
Amy Garrison - Old Navy \$5 card

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next UA PTO Meeting - Tuesday, April 21st at 8 a.m.