Westchester PTA General PTA Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020 at 8:30 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:32 am on October 13, 2020. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 am.

Attendees: Carli Suarez, Tamara Alvarez, Alisha, Abby De la Rocha, Angela George, Avis Goodman, Christina Brandel, Christine Theodore, Cynthia Justiniano, Danielle Greenhauff, Heather Zardus, Ingrid, Jason, Kristin Lester, Maria Laverde, MaryBeth Gebbia, Michelle Luces-Abad, Nelly Gibilterra, Priscilla Stevenson, Raquel Andrews, Shameka Johnson, Stephanie Stewart, Tarnisha, Vanessa Cutrufo, Veronica Cadiz.

Agenda: The agenda for the current meeting and minutes from the last meeting were posted online. Minutes from the September 2020 meeting were presented. Michelle motioned to approve. Angela  $2^{nd}$ .

Budget: The financial statement was posted online for review and Angela presented it. we brought in \$1,020, which included community nights, direct donations, membership dues, t-shirt and mask sales, and yearbook sales. Expenses included dues to Florida PTA, insurance for the year, and student incentives (backpacks, supplies, and shirts that were distributed at the beginning of the year). Marybeth motioned to approve the financial statement. Tamara  $2^{nd}$ .

Principal's Report: Mrs. Goodman provided the update.

- A little under 300 students came back to physical school, about half in K-2 and half in grades 3-5. Parents have the option to choose physical school still since there is space in classrooms, but they need to contact the school ahead of time. Kids are able to go out for recess, but can't use playground equipment.
- Dropoff and pickup is only in front of the school. They are not using the back lot.
- This first quarter ends on Friday and Monday is a teacher planning day.
- Laptops: There is a list of students who need school-issued laptops. There are many laptops that have been turned in to be fixed. Mrs. Goodman will check on the status. At the moment, computer repairs come from the school's general budget and parents are not charged. Parents will be charged for missing chargers. The suggestion was made that the school should charge parents for laptops that are broken due to negligence.

Fundraising: Stephanie provided the update.

- Zona Fresca: Tonight from 5:00 9:00 pm. We receive 20% of the proceeds.
- Vito's Night: October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Larry's Ice Cream: November 4th.
- Larry's Ice Cream: December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Board & Brush: October 18th.
- We are working on a cookbook fundraiser and we're looking for recipes from parents.

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Book Fair: Nelly provided the update. The book fair ends tomorrow. Total sales as of this moment are \$712.88. The last book fair in February brought in \$14,309.53 in total sales. We currently have \$11,382.44 in Scholastic dollars. If we don't get to \$2,500 in sales, we earn nothing from the book fair. The magazines for this year have already been purchased.

Yearbooks: Carli provided the update. We will begin selling yearbooks on November 1st. The yearbook committee is accepting photos taken at home. Parents should send them to <a href="westchesteryearbookpics@gmail.com">westchesteryearbookpics@gmail.com</a>. The yearbook committee is trying to figure out how to include individual pictures. Yearbooks will still be \$25, but we will be ordering less. We usually order 500 extras to sell, but last year we had 80 books left over.

Reflections: We will be participating in the Reflections program this year. Deb Ferrara is the chair. There are many issues to work out, such as how and where judging will happen and how to present awards.

Cookbook: We are asking all parents to submit recipes for the cookbook fundraiser. Even if parents have a recipe for non-food items, such as homemade slime or bubbles, please submit.

Banners/Partners: If anyone has a business they'd like to advertise, contact MaryBeth. We've had a couple sponsors renew for this year, including the security company and Heather Zardus.

## **Upcoming dates:**

October 2 - 14: Virtual Book Fair

October 13th: Zona Fresca Community Night

October 13th: Back to physical school for grades K-5

October 14th: Early Release

October 15th: Back to physical school for all grades

October 16th: Early Release

October 18th: Board & Brush Fundraiser

October 19th: No School

October 20th: Vito's Community Night

November 10th: General PTA Meeting at 8:30 am via Zoom

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 9:11 am.