

Call to Order

- PTA President Nic Cober Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Welcome

- PTA President Nic Cober Johnson welcomed meeting attendees.
- Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

PTA September 2017 Meeting Minutes

- September 2017 meeting minutes were distributed.
- Vote: 1st: Katie Pisocky, 2nd: Nancy Trainor, All approved the September 2017 PTA meeting minutes.

Approval of the Audit Report

- Vote: 1st: Nic Cober Johnson, 2nd: Roopal Saran, All approved the audit report.

Treasurer - Katie Pisocky

- Copies of the PTA budget were distributed.
- Amended PTA budget to move the Basketball Game line item from an expense to revenue.
- Vote: 1st: Patrick Howard, 2nd: Kathy Doane, All approved the 2017-18 amended PTA budget.

VP Updates

Social: Kimberley Mertz (update by Nic Cober Johnson)

- Cafeteria appreciation
- Missed Bus Drivers appreciation are have planned an activity for Friday.
- Fall Festival Update - Sold 505 tickets. Nic Cober Johnson thanked Jennifer Monken (chair) for all of the work done. Nancy McFalls is the decorations chair and Amber Freda is in charge of flyers.

Fundraising: Karen Leiser

- Brickathon - Update by Nancy Trainor who explained two great reasons for purchasing a brick. 1. Chance to show your kids how much you support them when they see their name/family name on a brick. 2. We are building community with hundreds of names displayed on the wall in the Kiss and Ride. Buy your brick, tell your neighbors, tell alumni. Announced classes that have already earned a pizza party by purchasing at least 10 bricks. Sold 195 bricks to date. There are 2 weeks remaining to reach the PTA's goal to sell 400 bricks.

Curriculum Enhancement: Michael Lindinger

- For upcoming academic competitions, teams form in the fall to attend competitions in the spring.

- Some parents have volunteered to coach Math Olympiad and Science Olympiad teams.
- STEAM Night will be held on Nov 14th.
- Odyssey of the Mind - PTA purchased a membership for the school. Some parents have already volunteered. Kids will compete in levels: K-5 and 6-8. There are 5 problems to be solved. There may be up to 7 students per team per problem. The competition will be held on March 3rd.
- Brooke Pronto is this year's Art Appreciation chair.
- CCIC - Nic Cober Johnson is the chair.
 - This committee's focus is to incorporate learning about cultures in and out of the classroom. Both parents and teachers are members of this committee.

Community Outreach: Jackie Frazer

- PTA is co-sponsoring Operation Gratitude with Daisy Girl Scout Troops. Kids can bring in their leftover candy to be donated to troops.
- Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event will be held on Sat., Nov 4th at Redeemer Lutheran Church. There are 3 timeslots of 2 hour slots
- Community Outreach has 2 co-chairs this year who are responsible for community building in the school (Monica Kumar) and outside the school (Jackie Frazer).

Operations: Jennifer Monken

- Yearbook operations have started.
- Asked for volunteers with trucks to help pick up bales of hay.

Principal Remarks - Mr. Donnelly

- Acknowledged Nancy Trainor and Kathy Rudin and all the work done by the landscaping committee.
- Heather Boyd (VP) announced Rachel O'Leary will be the new 6th grade teacher.
 - There will be an open house meet and greet in Pod tomorrow from 6-7 PM.
 - Before this teaching position was filled, did kids have a long term sub or high density classes? High density classes.
 - Monica Kumar was thanked as the long term sub.
- Teachers are running Professional Development Committees. Specialists are included.
- Auction Update: Families purchased signs. The signs have already been made. Due to budget cuts the waiting period to install the signs has been longer than expected. The school has submitted work orders for the installation of these signs.
- There are safety concerns at around the school during drop off and dismissal.
 - Officer Sloan observed and evaluated safety issues. Officer Sloan was invited to speak, but was not able to attend tonight's PTA meeting.

- Talking points were provided to Principal Donnelly to address these safety issues. Some examples: Recommendations were made for installing sidewalks and crosswalks. Families/kids should be crossing streets only at the crosswalks.

4th Grade Teachers Spotlight

- Introductions by the 7th grade team.
- This year's focus in Social Studies is Virginia Studies.
- 4th grade classes will raise brook trout and in June there will be a field trip to release them.
- The Regions Fair was held during the 3rd week of school. It was great having additional computers in the classrooms for the kids to use for their research.
- Jamestown field trip is a 4th grade tradition. What the kids will see and learn directly relates to their Virginia Studies. They will visit the ruins, Jamestown settlement, go onto one of the 3 ships, and visit the glass house where they will see how glass was blown.
- Colonial Day will be held in Jan or Feb. Kids dress up and participate in activities setup and organized by room parents and volunteers. Each classroom has a theme.

Closing remarks by Nic Cober Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

In Attendance: 29