

Merchantville PTA Meeting General PTA Business Meeting

September 14, 2011 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Pre Meeting – Newcomer's Night (6:30 pm)

- Tour of School
- Review of Programs
Meet Mr. Bell/Mr. Bohn
- Mr. Bohn talked about the role of the school board in the school and in the community. Informed the parents that all the information is in the school website. He talked about the role of the parents and the PTA in the children's education.
- Mr. Bell talked about his background in education. He handed out a school information flyer with activities, facilities, and other information. He talked about the HIB (harassment, intimidation and bullying) law and what the school is doing to get this situation under control. He is looking for a parent to be in the safety team along with the some school staff.
- Helpful Information - Ami handed out a 2 page paper with helpful information for the new parents to the school. Also the list of meeting dates scheduled for the year. The PTA board that was present introduced themselves to the new parents. Ami went over the paper and explained some of the points. Paper with PTA information went home in the brown envelope today.
- Q&A

Call to Order

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Reports of Officers

- Treasurer's Report - there was no change from last month. PTA started last year with \$11,537.30; we brought in \$34,436.63 we spent \$31,191.26 and the balance we carry over this year is \$14,818.67.
- President's Report - Ami is starting a committee for the playground. We had made a commitment that we fundraised a lot of money and that we wanted to put it back in the school in form of playground update/upkeep.
- Superintendent/Principal's Report
- Membership Report • Correspondence – membership applications were handed out to parents. And our membership was changed (approved) to single \$6 and family \$11.

Reports of Committees

- Teacher's Breakfast Report – It was a success. The teachers really liked the breakfast and were very grateful.
- Reflections Program Report – Tracy talked about the program. It is our 1st year participation in this program that is offered by the NJ PTA. The program theme is "diversity means..." and the children will show their artistic talent and will be supported in their efforts.
- Book Fair Report – oct 31st to nov 4th. The theme is a space theme. "Book fair and beyond".
- Innisbrook Report – it is one of our biggest fundraiser that happens in the fall. Sept 21st to oct 12.

- Back to School Night Report – we supply refreshments. Jeremy and Jennifer offered to help purchase the items. Silver diner will be there to sign up people. We also do our budget approval on that day too.

New Business

Have a paper with information sent to parents in advance. Paper asking parents interests, hobbies, and better information of the programs. Reach out to the community, grandparents not only the parents. Have a grandparents/family night, not only for the parents of the PTA where they can find out what they can volunteer in the school.

- Upcoming Programs – we need some volunteers in these program that we have some success in the past years and we still want to keep these programs going.
 - Holiday Parade (December)
 - LEGO Club (Saturdays?)
 - Author Day (January/February) - Jessica Dias. Volunteer to committee.
 - Campbell Soup Labels (Ongoing/Work-at-Home)
 - Fashion Show Tea Party (March 25) we need a chairperson. The idea is that we want to change the theme of the party and maybe the venue. We are going to look for some new and fresh ideas.

Announcements

September 14 – PTA Meeting/Newcomer's Night
Directory Cover Page Contest Begins (Submissions due September 21)

September 21 – Back to School Night
PTA Meeting/Budget Vote
Innisbrook Fundraising Kick-off

October 7 – Teacher In-Service
October 10 – Columbus Day
October 19 – PTA Meeting
October 26 - Picture Day

Adjournment