

Ocean Avenue PTO

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OAPTO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Called by: Ben

Directors in Attendance: Victoria Furman-Parker, Tim Willoughby, Chris Dingwell, Ben Grant, Rosie Lenehan, Caitlin Kirby, Sarah Welt, Shannon Belt, Beverly Coursey, Dawn Girsch

Absent: Molly Anderson, Liz Emery

Location: OAES library

I. Introductions/Welcome

- Shannon Belt was welcomed as our new treasurer!

II. Recent events recap/Principal recap

- Dr. Stevens shared the OA Staff Meetings and Professional Development Calendar.
- Perhaps Mrs. Nogar could come to a PTO meeting and model a “number talk” math warmup
- Parent University - 1/27 at OAES!
- Outdoor classroom - meeting on January 19th about building the deck off of the library. Thanks to Ben Grant for getting the ball rolling on it!
- Side by Side is in it's last year of the grant, so OAES is talking about how to continue some of the programs

III. Nominating: Treasurer update

- Shannon is here!!! Molly will hand off treasurer work to Shannon during the last month.

IV. Budget

- funding requests
 - Used winter gear is a need--should the PTO fund this?
 - Warm winter boots and warm winter gloves are needed - Facebook and emails

V. Auction!!!

- 2 weeks until the auction!
- Ocean Gateway is the new venue - it will cost about \$1100 for Ocean Gateway

- Shannon knows a catering company, will look into that.
- Setup begins at 1 pm, event begins at 6 pm
- Potluck signup is up - already posted on facebook, Rosie will send in next newsletter
- Music - Tim will make a playlist
- Live Auction items - Ben's family's cottage in MDI for 2 nights, Victoria's family's cottage in Eastport for 2 nights, 4 Red Sox Tickets for weekend game, vintage airplane (B-17 or B-24) flight in September for two, ½ day session for tattooing, Allagash VIP tour/tasting, 6 sessions of acupuncture
- Need volunteers for data entry at the auction and help with closing out
- Put it out in a newsletter - have volunteers email Nancy
- Sponsorships ~ currently \$8,000
- Tim will send out updated list of donations

VI. Enrichment update (after school):

- Sarah just drafted a survey for parents re: the first session of afterschool enrichment
- Caitlin and Sarah will also survey the teachers
- Capping scholarships at \$1000 (10 scholarships available)
- Putting it to the teachers--if you have 10 kids enrolled, would you consider giving a scholarship?
- Dawn was going to look at the enrollment to see about student accommodation needs
- Rosie will circle back with UMaine Extension re: STEM class
- *Do you have a talent or know someone who would like to share their talent?* Put in the next newsletter...

VII. Fundraising Update

- Red Claws - need to sell tickets - tell everyone - 50/50 raffle will benefit OAES
- Urban Air - PTO night in mid-February, early March
- Five Guys on February 7th - 10% of all proceeds go to OAES
- Jan 18th - 6-8 pm - Brenda Zolich is a grant analyst and is going to lead a grant writing workshop at OAES
- Board appeal - volunteer, encourage friends/neighbors to come, donate money

VIII. Calendar/Communications

- Upcoming events - Crafternoon will be pushed back to the spring, before Mother's Day?
- Website - clunky and not user-friendly. New website? Just use facebook?
- Literacy Night in March
- Teacher Appreciation in May - PTO meeting

IX. PTO Grade Level parent update

- Give Bev something about the Grade Level Parent for newsletter - Need Grade 1

XI. Announcements/Schedule