

Parklawn PTA Executive Board Meeting

8.18.2017, 5:30 pm, Parklawn Pool

Attended by: Rebecca Cervoni, Tanya Chadwell, Liz D'Cruz, Tom Dickson, Meggan Florell, Rebecca Forgy, Elizabeth Galbraith, Julieta Hernandez, Lou Tremante, Miki Walker, Kathleen Williams

Agenda Items

1. Spirit Wear

Youth shirts (in Carolina blue with prior year's logo) have been ordered and will be available for sale at the 8.24 Back to School Bash. Tom will post order form for adult spirit wear in main office. Teacher/staff cost will be \$10/t-shirt, just about at cost, with overages returned to teachers for their coffee fund.

2. Patio furniture painting

Lou is organizing the repainting of the patio furniture, scheduled for 9.7 & 9.8 after school. Kathleen will purchase royal blue spray paint. Principal Forgy will check with custodians to see if it's possible to move furniture to an open area to avoid having spray paint spread onto the building if breezy.

3. Teacher Welcome Back packets

120 packets, to include cover letter, membership form, grant application, and shopping reward programs, will be distributed week of 8.21. New staff will also receive a personal note and blue Parklawn silicone bracelet. Liz will give a short presentation to teachers on 8.25.

4. PTA Facebook/Twitter pages

Liz will create and moderate PTA Facebook pages (public and private) as well as a PTA Twitter account, providing parents with another resource to get updates about PTA events and other school news.

5. After school programs

Information on several programs (PlayWell Tek Lego, StemExcel, Running With the Stars, Best Youth Hoops) has been gathered. Members are asked to pass along information about any other programs they are interested in, with goal of implementing at least one program for the winter term.

6. Nationals tickets

Nationals have donated 54 tickets for the 9.29 game. Counselors will help identify families to invite; families will be charged a nominal \$10/adult for bus transportation, to help reduce the no-shows we experienced last year. Principal Forgy will schedule the bus.

7. Back to School Bash

Scheduled for 8.24 4-6 pm, combining the back to school and open house events into a single program. PTA will staff several tables, offering school supply kits, memberships, and spirit wear.

8. Movie Night

A showing of Smurfs: Lost Village is scheduled for 9.15. Posters will be put up around school to get kids excited for the event. Liz will contact 5th Grade teachers to discuss idea of having their students assist with selling food, and possibly organizing the next movie night in exchange for a percentage of the profits towards their graduation party. Also during movie night, PTA will have supplies set up in the cafeteria for students to create some art in honor of National Arts in Education Week.

9. Bylaws revision

A revised set of bylaws is due in May. Lou will be heading the team and asks those interested in participating to contact him.

10. Book Fair

PTA will assist Ms. Wolin with the 10.23-27 Scholastic Book Fair. PTA has traditionally held its own book fair in the spring, but it requires a lead organizer and a lot of work; we don't need to commit to Scholastic until January. It may be possible to either partner with a local book store, or to simply make up the expected profit with raffles at other planned events.

11. Spelling Bee

Principal Forgy has approved holding the spelling bee in January/February 2018. Lou will lead the event, ideally with a co-lead who can run the event solo the following year.

12. Bingo Night

Rebecca Cervoni and Tom Dickson will head Bingo Night, tentatively scheduled for May. Two other team members are desired to help solicit donations.

13. Event Ideas

Ideas to consider for upcoming year:

- Family fun run/relay
- Salad bar recipe contest, in conjunction with spring VA PTA recipe contest
- Parklawn community service days (for example, trash pickup on Earth Day)
- Multicultural night, highlighting games, stories or food (Principal Forgy will check with Snuggle Up & Read organizers to see if they would be open to parent volunteers reading stories)
- Yearbook sales (previously organized by teachers; if PTA took on, could sell advertising space in increase profit)

14. Membership Website

VAPTA plans to launch online registration system in fall. A link on our website will direct members to the state website; paper registrations can still be taken.

15. Landscaping/Playground

Principal Forgy reports that Parklawn is coordinating with FCPS to complete removal of the tree stump in the front yard. The front playground has been removed due to age/safety issues, but the back playground has been enlarged and enhanced for accessibility. All grades will have access to this playground, and will alternate play on field or playground. PTA may consider doing a drive or donating play equipment to use on the field.

16. New Business

Audit was presented and approved.

Budget for upcoming year was presented and approved.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

9.7 PTA meeting, 6 pm (following patio furniture painting from 4-6 pm)

9.15 Movie Night

10.5 PTA meeting, 6 pm

11.2 PTA meeting, 6 pm