

PTA General Minutes 5/8/18

Meiklejohn PTA General Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018 at 7:07pm in the Library

1. Call to order at 7:07pm.
2. Approval of Minutes from March's general meeting. First approval Carmela Buschy, Second approval Mandee Dwyer.
3. Officer's Reports –
 - a. Treasurer – Any increases for budget, please let Mandee know. Special Givings will be discussed later tonight.
 - b. President – Nothing to report.
 - c. Secretary – Volunteer Outreach update. Dawn Safranka suggested having teachers promote PTA volunteer opportunities to their classroom parents. PTA/Staff Liaison.
 - d. Vice President 1 – Talent Show was on May 3rd. Positive feedback from teachers and community. Keep day performances for next year. Giving Tree has been received well.
 - e. Vice President 2 – Grace is unable to be here tonight. Her team needs help with Business/Family Membership Chairs and Parent Socials. With her hands being so full, she is nominating Carmela Buschy to take over next year for the second year of the two year term.
 - f. Principal – Nothing to report. Great close to a great year!
4. Reports of Board Chairs
 - a. Advocacy – Great turnout by our MJ and Jeffco teachers at the Capital on 4/26. Message was strongly communicated that we are educators, not babysitters. Legislative updates – capital construction monies attributed to schools through the marijuana bill.
 - b. Ways & Means – Thank you to everyone that volunteered with Ways & Means this year! It was a very successful fundraising year! Moving forward for next year, doing some planning for Auction next year. Looking to cut back some operating costs for next year as last year the expenses for the Auction were extremely high. Rearranging business drive/sponsorship levels as a way to plan ahead for Auction sponsors. Will need LOTS of volunteers for this event! Haven't decided on a venue yet, but thinking something with a lot of outdoor space. Lost & Found volunteers / Mabel's Labels combo fundraising opportunity.
 - c. Membership Report – Did better this year with membership income which is AMAZING given we had fewer kids. Getting rid of MSA and moving to Member Planet for next year. In the process of importing all remaining students. Hoping to send business sponsors there for easy access. Trying to come up with some creative ideas for next year – Restaurant night brought to you by XX business, auction items. Also spotlight/highlight home-based MJ parent businesses each month.
5. Old Business
 - a. Run 4 Funds
 - b. Silent Auction
 - c. 1st Day School Supplies
 - d. Thank you to all who helped with the Talent Show!
 - e. Teacher Appreciation is this week, don't forget to show our teachers some love.
6. New Business
 - a. Final Introduction of 2018-2019 Board Members
 - b. Volunteer Sign

- c. 4th Grade Team to present Maker's Space – Will be asking MJ community to donate any legos or other items needed IF they're getting rid of these items/garage sales.
 - d. Special Giving Funds – Mandee briefly went over budget YTD. Shared special givings budget. Run for Funds \$68/student raised. All figures on the budget are net expenses. PTA funds cannot pay PARAs directly for services rendered, so the special giving budget has been updated to remove PARA support, moved to Technology. **Vote to approve by Lea Barry, Seconded by Vanessa Thorsten. All approved.**
 - e. Considering live streaming of future PTA general meetings. Childcare is likely the biggest reason for people not being able to come. Potential to have older students volunteer for community service hours, parent donation, etc. PTA is unable to pay them however.
7. Announcements
- a. Field Day is this Friday, May 11th.
 - b. Mrs. Gager's Retirement party May 22nd from 4-6pm, she will be auctioning off her pig collection for charity (Sarcoma Foundation).
 - c. Volunteer Appreciation for ALL volunteers, May 15th from 5-7pm upstairs at Jack's.
8. Adjourned at 8:10PM