

SAUGANASH SCHOOL PTA MEETING
Wednesday 11 October 2017
7pm, school cafeteria

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- All attendees welcomes!
- Teri Court moved to approve the agenda. Sarah Creviston seconded the motion.

2. Approval of September Minutes

- Elaine Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes. Deepak Bapu seconded the motion.

3. July, August 2017 financials

- Received dues, money from Amazon, and made a small transfer to open a PTO bank account and paid Paypal fees in August. No activity in July.
- Sarah Datz made motion to approve financials. Ms. Hatfield made a second.

4. PTO Update

- Notice has been sent to the Illinois PTA to dissolve November 8th. Marcia Shapiro explained that with the PTO, everyone associated with the school is a member. PTO gives us more flexibility to fundraise with fewer restrictions, etc.
- One attendee asked if the PTA would operate at same time as PTO. Marcia confirmed this is not the case.
- After the vote to dissolve we will move ahead on changing our web site logo etc. Thanks to Donald Morton for heading up the web site change and to Geraldine Lally for the logo.

5. Meeting November 8th at 7pm - members please attend!

- For voting, need at least 25% of membership to attend and vote to dissolve and 2/3s vote to approve. Membership is currently around 150 persons.

6. Halloween Party

- Need a chair for the Halloween party! Party is for K-5th grade on October 26th from 5-6:30pm. Chairing means organizing a few activities, finding the person to do music, balloon animals, etc. We have done a haunted house, decorated pumpkins, etc., in the past. 7th graders sell food to raise money for their DC trip.
- Budget for the event is \$1200.

7. Lotober Fest

- Please attend the party at Whole Foods parking lot this Sunday from 11:30am-3pm. Whole Foods will have some games, etc., and we will be recipient of donations received on that day.

8. Annual Fund Drive

- \$5,990 reached since kick off last week!
- Banners going up soon showing our progress.
- Tomorrow is the first drop off social with coffee donated by Starbucks.
- Pick up social the following week.
- Drop off social on October 26th.
- Donor wall going up next week. Chai Wolfman is helping. Raise a Hand to Support the Students of Sauganash School. Raised hands will form a tree.
- Need a volunteer to help with receipts/thank you notes on a weekly basis until the end of November.

- Orange Theory was going to offer us a donation class this Saturday. But due to low registration it will be cancelled.
- Clarified goal is \$50,000.
- Sarah Creviston will send out a signup genius to ask for help with socials.
- Kindergarten parent Chris volunteered to handle the thank yous / acknowledgements.

9. Report on Scholastic Book Fair

- Elaine Fitzgerald reported on a successful fair. Made over \$8000 in sales. Slightly higher than average sales. We get scholastic points for the sale and we buy educational supplies for the classrooms.
- Next fair is May 7-9.
- Elaine would like to have a co-chair that can trail her for the next couple years.

10. Open Comment (ideas from attendees on activities, agenda items at future meetings. etc.)

- It was announced that there will be a book fair again this year at Barnes and Noble on December 10th. A portion of the proceeds from sales that day (including in the cafe) will come back to the PTO. Members of the board have agreed to take on various aspects of the planning. Deepak Bapu to serve as chair and primary contact with Barnes & Noble. Attendees will have the opportunity to listen to stories read by several of our teachers. They will also be able to decorate cookies with Ms. Vickie, and participate in a scavenger hunt through the book store. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.
- Question was raised about whether an opt-in school bus had been considered in response to the traffic and construction. Principal Munns explained CPS has gotten rid of neighborhood school busing. For now, chartering a bus is not something she is considering. One parent expressed that he would pay for this service. Mrs Munns will follow up with department of transportation within schools to see if there are any ideas we could pursue. Marcia suggested we added to our list of things to investigate and if Mrs Munns says it is something we could pursue privately, that might me something we could offer.
- There was a question about construction and Mrs Munns said weather permitting they are hoping to finish first week of November, but more realistically it will be closer to Thanksgiving. A traffic light will be put in at Whole Foods parking lot. Kilpatrick and Hiawatha corner will have a hole there. Mrs Munns will remind parents about Kiss N Go and 7:45 breakfast to next Constant Contact communication as will the PTA.
- Orange Fitness - one month unlimited memberships were won by Monica and Ms Trainer.
- Ms. Hatfield spoke for her team in thanking k the PTA for providing an aide for 5th and 6th grade this year. Ms. Trainor said the same for 7th grade.
- November 13th is the state of the school meeting. (Mrs Munns was asked to provide babysitter.)
- Marcia shared that Mr. Kennedy has secured babysitters for future meetings.
- Thanks to Mr Kennedy for being so responsive to the needs of the PTA.
- Next LSC meeting is Oct 23 at 630pm, all are welcome

The group then developed plans for Halloween Party:

-7th graders do food

-DJ

-Markers and pumpkins in the art room, stickers too (Increase quantity from previous years and use small ones)

-Halloween games in lieu of balloon animals and face painting (check basement for bozo buckets and other ideas)

-Sensory games in Room 113

-Bozo buckets

-Story time

-Halloween coloring bags

-Volunteers (ask 6th, 7th, 8th graders, teachers, parents, alumni)

Sarah Creviston to follow up with Carrie Frieswyk to see if there's a volunteer she can approach to "chair" the event.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Malin Vasavanont. Sarah Creviston seconded the motion.

12. Next Meeting PTA November 8th at 7pm