



OLIVE-MARY STITT SCHOOL

PTA BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2017

Co-President Kelly Gabrione called the PTA Board Meeting to order on September 21, 2017 at 7:20 in the commons. There were approx. 50 people in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Liz Gabianelli

- The minutes for the May, 2017 meeting were posted and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Sarah Van Huis

- The fiscal year ended with a balance of \$9,533.10.
- An audit was completed for the budget.
- Sarah Van Huis made a motion to approve the audit as submitted. There was a second. The motion was approved for the audit.
- There is \$420 in the budget of uncashed checks from past years. This amount will go back into the budget.
- Sarah Van Huis made a motion to wave the reading of the budget line by line. There was a second. Motion was approved to wave the reading of the budget line by line.
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1st VP – Mary Beth Canty

- Committee chairs are asked to reserve space with the main office as well as being sure their dates are secured on the calendar to ensure space for activity/clubs/events etc.

2nd VP – Liz McDonnell & Becky Hany

- Overview of fundraisers: Spirit wear ends this coming Sunday. “House Hop” will be on October 14th. Wine tasting will be a ladies’ night, Book Fair is scheduled for the spring, we are still participating in the box tops fundraiser
- Plant sale and cookie dough fundraisers will be discontinued. In place of these the PTA will be doing “Just Jump, “couple’s trivia night, and OMS movie day for families instead.
- There was a discussion about using Amazon Smile as a way to raise funds for OMS.

3rd VP – Christina Perez

- There was a school funding bill passed in August. A status quo was placed for funding to be the same, and will be allocated based on need considering several factors such as socioeconomic needs. Nothing will change with funding for OMS.
- Illinois PTA is advocating for, and encouraging schools to support: climate change, financial literacy, advocating against fracking and treating juvenile students age 18-21 as adults.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Erin Davis

- OMS has been awarded with the “Blue Ribbon” recognition.
- This November, 2-3 staff members will go to Washington DC to accept this award.
- The book, We’re all Wonders is being read by the principals in all of the grade levels at OMS.
- The principals will be meeting with students new to Olive to get to know them.
- The “Help for Hobby” fundraiser is underway. The school is raising money to help others affected by hurricane Harvey.

TEACHERS' REPORT – Miss Musich & Mrs. Wilhelm

- “One book one School” is supported and appreciated by the teachers.
- Assessments are taking place in the classrooms and future reports will be from the primary or intermediate grade levels.
- The teachers are grateful for PTA support.

PRESIDENT'S TIME – Kelly Gabrione & Megan Puzen

- Committee chairs were acknowledged.
- Communication – Every Friday PTA members will receive an email with a link to the “twig.” Later in the afternoon, the principals will send out the “branch” with information and a recap from the week. There is a PTA Facebook page and an “Olive-Mary Stitt Parents” Facebook page, as well.
- Calendar – be sure to get approval. The Olive calendar is now combined with the PTA calendar.
- School board rep is needed. There will be a sign-up genius going out soon for anyone who can sign up to attend one school board meeting.
- 5th grade parents and Thomas parents were invited to discuss the book, Screenwise. There is a copy available for anyone who would like to borrow the PTA's copy.
- Thank you for your dues. Single membership is \$10. The combined State and National membership portion of dues has increased and is now \$4.50. There is consideration to raise PTA dues.
- Yearbook – we will be going with Tree Ring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activity Night – Christina Perez:** Dates for upcoming activity nights: K-1 Jan 19, grades 2-3 Feb. 1, grades 4-5: Feb. 23
- **Membership – Kate Halley:** Directory spot is up and live. Directory spot users from last year should have the same login. New user should have received an instructional email about logging in. Once

you have access, you can update your information from a desktop.
PTA membership update 340 families/430 families

Email katherinehalley@gmail.com for membership status or with any issues with directory spot. There will be no paper copy of the directory. PTA member cards coming in the next few weeks.

- **House Hop/Progressive Dinner, 10/14 - Melissa Teuscher & Jen Ortman:** Goal is to have 100 people participate. Each person is assigned to 2 homes hosted by Olive families meant for socializing with other OMS families. The cost is \$35/per person.
- **Publicity - Stacy Riggs:** There is a bulletin board available for committee chairs to advertise events/clubs/organizations.
- **Reflections - Kim Hemminger & Leena Joshi:** Nov. 3rd entries for reflections are due to participate.
October 2nd “Artspiration” at South Middle school sponsored by the district reflections committee. There will be workshops for students to attend. This event is meant to inspire students. The theme is “Within Reach” and will be from 6:30-8:00
- **Character Counts/The Owl Way - Christine Gilbert :** Character Counts has been changed to “The Owl Way.” September 26th OMS will be honoring our OMS community helpers such as crossing guards, by giving these individuals thank you cards. “World of Work” program will take place on March 5th for 5th graders to participate. Contact Christine if you have a local business and would like to participate.
- **School Supplies - Kerri Grabowski & Nilima Nanisetty:** Vendor issues with school supplies because of internal problems with the company. School supplies were delivered on the first day of school after being delayed. Missing school supplies have been delivered to the classrooms.

- **Ecology Club - Rachel Hooker:** Encourage any 3-5th grade students to join. This club meets the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-4:45, beginning October 5th.
- **Bingo Night/Orbit Skate Night - Christina Spina:** Bingo night is scheduled for Friday, November 10th @ 7:00. Canned goods for admission. January 18th will be the Orbit skate night canned goods for admission for this event as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectful submitted by Liz Gabianelli, Secretary

Dates to Remember:

10/2 – Artspiration – 6:00 – 7:30pm @ South Middle School

10/3 – New Family Mentoring Activity Night @ 6:30pm

10/5 – Ecology Club Meeting

10/9 & 10/16 – No School

10/14 – House Hop/Progressive Dinner, 7:00pm

10/16-10/20 – Good Character Week

10/17 – Box Top Fundraiser Begins

10/17 – Superintendent Open Door, 2-4pm @ D25 Admin Building

10/19 – School Board Meeting @ Ivy Hill

TBD – Just Jump Week

10/26 – OMS Open House & 4th Grade Concert, 6:30 – 8pm

10/31 – Halloween Parties

11/1 – Warm the Nest Begins

11/2 – Picture Retake day & Club Photos

11/2 – Ecology Club Meeting

11/2 – OMS PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm

11/3 – Reflections Entries Due

11/10 – OMS Bingo Night