

**OC PTA General Membership Meeting
October 12th, 2023**

Meeting called to order by K. Grim at 9:11 at the Ocean City Primary School.

In Attendance:

Katie Grim, President
Stephanie Foglio, Vice President - PS and Financial Review Chair
Shannon McAllister, Vice President - IS
Roisin Roche, Corresponding Secretary
Samantha Leonard, Recording Secretary
Sandra Heng Han, Treasurer
Dale Braun, Bylaws Chair
Stacie Holmes, Membership Chair
Kelly D'Agostino, Accessibility Chair
See attached sign in sheets

Minutes: S. Leonard presented the June 12th, 2023 minutes which were read aloud. On motion by K. Grim and seconded by S. Foglio the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financials:

S. Han presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024 school year, motion to pass budget by K. Grim, seconded by S. Foglio, budget unanimously approved.
S. Han presented the financial report as of October 12th, 2023, K. Grim motioned to approve, S. McAllister seconded, unanimously approved.

Topics/Discussion/Approvals:

1. Discussion of 2 grants previously approved by our board, 8th grade tree to tree trip, 6th grade story teller for spooky hollow unit
2. Past and present events -
 - a. Phillies game - 30/35 tickets sold, will repeat event with more notice and options
 - b. Preschool Dinner - 70 people had pizza on the school playground, kids loved it
 - c. Kindergarten Dinner canceled for low sign up, future kindergarten event will be planned
 - d. Playland - sold 147 wrist bands, great fundraiser, thank you playland!
 - e. Primary School Book Fair - successful fair with book sales reaching almost \$8000, the librarian will receive \$500 to shop scholastic for new books.
 - f. Fun Run - 67% registration, 47% raised money, the current raised total is over \$20000 and still climbing, only 30% of raised money came from within OC, with 17 states and 3 countries sending support. Kids and teachers have a great time! Both schools earned pretzels!
 - g. Taylor Swift event - K. Pittaluga organized, 12pm is sold out and 9pm only has 15 left, reminder will go out

- h. IS Bookfair - setup is Oct 20th, fair starts Oct 23rd, sign up will go out asap
 - i. Jilly's Early Dismissal day - Will sell unlimited 2 hour play cards for students to go to the arcade.
 - j. 4th and 5th Halloween Movie and Craft Night - October 25th, need a chair to help with event
 - k. Halloween craft PS - Friday Oct 27th, 3-4pm, volunteers needed, kinder-3rd
3. New Committee chairs discussed -
- a. Ashley Juelg Yearbook Committee Chair - room parents will be asked to coordinate with class for parent event photos and ask teachers for pictures, will need sponsors, we're using Josten's again
 - b. Accessibility Committee Chair is Kelly D'Agostino - this committee will work to make sure all PTA events can be enjoyed by all students including those with different preferences like sensory modifications.
 - c. 8th grade Sun and Fun day Chairs will be Jen Dwyer and Lauren Oliver, will need all hands on deck, takes place in June before graduation and is held outside with fun and games during the school day.
4. PTA Guidelines
- a. Reminder that the goal is always supporting the kids and schools
 - b. PTA volunteers - you can not wonder or be anywhere other than assigned area or you will not be asked to volunteer again, PTA members will be given preference for volunteer opportunities, all volunteers subject to principle approval
 - c. Event Ideas - we have a form you can submit with ideas, be prepared to chair any event you suggest, school will review the event as will the PTA, will be notified if the event is approved
 - d. Social Media - Only look at the PTA or School pages for accurate information on PTA events
 - e. PTA Spending Tree - despite rumors to the contrary the spending tree is an older document that was meant to show PTA spending over a 10+ period, it is not a representation of current spending or yearly spending
 - f. Don't assume an event is a PTA event unless it is list at a PTA event, we have no control over other events
 - g. There has been a request for evening meetings so we are trying one in January, in the past these meetings were poorly attending but will see what works best moving forward
 - h. While we do provide a number of free events, mostly during the school day, many of our events are fundraisers to pay for the in school activities.
 - i. Volunteers - we do our best to incorporate as many volunteers as we can without being disruptive, but we are often lacking volunteers and adjust accordingly
 - j. If you have questions please reach out to the PTA directly rather than speculate on social media and keep in mind we are volunteers and will respond in a timely manner but not instantly. Many things will be covered at meetings.
 - k. 4th and 5th grade room parents - we have not been asked to facilitate this, but if asked we will. We are providing an allergy friendly halloween treat.

- I. We provided volunteers for the pink hair fundraiser for Gilda's club and \$3000 was raised
5. Lauren Rogers wins Pizza coupon door prize, prize donated by the PTO
6. Meeting opened to questions and comments
 - a. Suggestions about fun run
 - b. Discussion of making events accessible to those who need financial assistance, which we do through the school/city
 - c. Want communication in spanish, which we are doing
 - d. Suggestions for better communication and volunteer recruitment

Meeting adjourned by K. Grim at 10:23am.

Respectfully submitted by

Samantha Leonard