

**OC PTA General Membership Meeting
November 15th, 2023**

Meeting called to order by K. Grim at 9:04 at the Ocean City Intermediate 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
Kelly D'Agostino, Accessibility Chair
See attached sign in sheets

Minutes: S. Leonard presented the 10/12/23 minutes which were read aloud. On motion by S. Foglio and seconded by K. D'Agostino, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financials:

S. Han presented the financial report as of 11/15/23.

Topics/Discussion/Approvals:

1. K. Grim makes a statement regarding a book that was removed from the IS book fair for language. K.Grim addressed all of the misinformation being spread in regard to the book and the book fair and provided emails proving the PTA does not have any control over the books sent by scholastic in this fair. K. Grim then addressed the online attacks against the PTA and read some of the most disturbing quotes. K. Grim provided a copy of the book that was removed as well as all supporting documentation. All of which was available during and after the meeting.
2. The standing rules which had been previously sent to members and were also distributed in person were reviewed by D. Braun. The changes reviewed included social media rules, that only the president speaks for the OC PTA, and that moving forward some restrictions will be loosened and there are some restrictions to amendments. The standing rules are attached. K. Grim motioned for the approval for the standing rules, S. McAllister seconded, unanimously approved.
3. Discussion of violations rules being added to the standing rules and the consequences. K. Grim motions for this addition to the standing rules, S. McAllister seconds, unanimously approved.
4. Discussion of the board's prior approval of C. Merrit's grant request for funds to make mindfulness jars with the primary school students.
5. Events Discussion

- a. Taylor Swift Movie - 32 tickets sold to 12pm show, 29 tickets sold to the 9pm show, total collected \$1688.19 with profit of \$458.19.
 - b. IS Book Fair - a profit of \$1146.09 was made and \$500 was given to the IS librarian for books.
 - c. Jilly's Early Dismissal Event - 87 cards sold, \$1395 collected, profit \$936. The event was a success and is penciled in for future early dismissal days.
 - d. 4th & 5th grade Halloween Movie and Craft - J. Leuvchuk chaired the event, the kids made slime and watched the animated Addams Family movie which won the movie choice vote. Johnson's donated popcorn. This was a free event and was very successful.
 - e. PS after school craft - 67 kids attended, Holly's expenses submitted at a later date, the kids had fun, our volunteers included HS students, some of whom spoke spanish and helped with the ESL students. Thanks to Holly Buck for all her work before the event.
 - f. PTA candy drive - extra halloween candy was collected to be sent to our troops through project love. The candy is due 11/20/23 but we already met our goal and the kids will have a PJ day on 11/22/23.
 - g. Dodge Ball on November 17th - the kids are excited, concessions will be for sale and spectators are welcome
 - h. Shoe Tying Clinic - this will be a free event at the school Nov 27th to Dec 1st. Kids will come with their classes to learn to tie shoes. Volunteers from the OCPD, OCFD, Key Club and hopefully tomorrow's teachers will help with this event.
 - i. Secret Santa - This will start the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the IS and be at the PS the following week. We will need a lot of volunteers but the kids love the event. Please consider donating reusable bags for shopping and wrapping paper for the event, contact Holly Buck to donate.
 - j. PS Holiday Craft - Will be Dec. 14th we will need volunteers and will ask for HS student help again
 - k. 4th & 5th grade holiday movie and craft - J. Leuvchuk will chair this event, the kids will vote on a movie and do a craft, both TBD, date Dec 19th
 - l. Breakfast with Santa - Dec 16th in the OCIS cafeteria 8:30-11:30am, kids free, adults \$5, there will be pictures with santa and cookie donating, waiting on board approval.
 - m. Yearbook Committee update - we're having room parents collect and coordinate photos and submit them
 - n. Sun and Fun - Chairperson Lauren Oliver will be reaching out for help soon!
6. Nominations Committee Selection - it was explained that the nominations committee will solicit members interested and qualified for the positions up for election in the spring which include IS Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Members volunteered for the committee including two members who were not present but previously reached out. 5 members volunteered for 3 positions but two then decided to be alternates which meant voting was not necessary and all positions were filled. K. Grim motioned to approve this committee, S. Leonard seconded, the committee was unanimously approved.

7. The meeting was opened to member comments.

Meeting adjourned by K. Grim at 10:13am.

Respectfully submitted by

Samantha Leonard