

## PTMS PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2015

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
  - President Michele Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM. There were approximately 12 people in attendance in addition to the PTA Board and PTMS Principals (see sign-in sheet).
  - The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks – Michele Thomas
  - A Nominating Committee for next year's PTMS PTA Board was selected. The committee is Cathy O'Neill, Alicia Olalde, and Serena King.
  - There are currently 378 PTA members, which is up from 346 members last year.
- III. Secretary's Report – Cathleen Faina
  - The minutes from the November 7, 2014 PTMS PTA Meeting were approved as presented.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Vargo
  - The budget was presented without question (see attached).
- V. Principal's Remarks
  - Principal Sikorski thanked everyone who helped at the Hot Chocolate Café. It was well attended.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Dance-a-thon had a goal of \$12,000 to contribute to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Last year raised \$11,000. 190 dancers have raised over \$19,000 as of today. Thank you to all involved.
  - Dates to remember—the PTMS Musical, Beauty and the Beast, Jr. at the end of February and the Area Council Used Book Sale and the end of March (collection ends March 20<sup>th</sup>).
- VI. Guest Speakers – PTMS Guidance Counselors, Bianca Goodwin (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Mary Beth Kenny (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - An overview of scheduling process for 7<sup>th</sup> graders going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade was presented and questions were answered. More detail will be given in March regarding the transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Speakers – District Directory Committee, Sandy Levin and Carol Planitzer

  - Sandy and Carol have been preparing the District Directory for 8 years and their children will be graduating soon, so this needs to be transitioned to a new committee. Advertising pays for the directory, which usually involves soliciting past sponsors. Data entry and proofing are also needed. Please contact Sandy or Carol if interested.
- VII. First Vice President's Report – Melanie Hutnik
  - Michele Thomas recapped the Hot Chocolate Café. Middle School performers were included this year, which drew in more kids.
  - Continue to send in Labels for Education and Box Tops. Robin Ferrari is looking at prizes for the most box tops by homeroom.
  - Mr. Amend has started to get players for the upcoming Student/Faculty Basketball Game in March.

- By-laws were updated and changes will be posted in the Middle School entry. These changes will be approved at the next meeting.

VIII. Second Vice President's Report – Ria Kartsonas

- A Teacher Breakfast is planned for March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Many Committee Chairs are open for next year.

IX. Old Business -- none

X. New Business

- Ria Kartsonas said that a Welcoming Committee will be formed to create a standard for all buildings of information to be provided to new/transitioning families.

XI. Adjournment of the meeting was at 10:19 AM.

These minutes were recorded by Cathleen Faina, Recording Secretary, PTMS PTA.

Approved on March 9, 2015, \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathleen Faina, Secretary