

Starside PTA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2023

Kelsey Zabel, President, held introductions for all in attendance as well as recognized outgoing Board Member, Kim Manson (President) for her time and commitment to the Board.

Kelsey Zabel, President, asked for review and approval of the April General meeting minutes. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

Principals Report

Principal, Jan Hicks, shared school has started off to a great start! Conference emails are scheduled to go out to all families on Wednesday, September 15. The plan is to have conferences all in-person. Starside will turn 25 years old this year. Principal Hicks shared they are planning to have a t-shirt sale open to families and teachers as a small fundraiser for the school and a 25-year birthday party will be scheduled for later in the year.

Nomination of Board Secretary

Maura Deghand had expressed interest in moving into the Board Secretary role, after conversation with Andrea Clem. There was a motion and 2nd for approval to appoint Maura Deghand as Board Secretary.

Standing Rules & 2023-2024 PTA Objectives:

Kelsey Zabel asked those in attendance for feedback for the Standing Rules and PTA Objectives. Kelsey shared that our annual dues increased to \$4.75 from \$4.00 to the National PTA, so our dues have increased to \$5.25. Additionally, the terms for board members have been updated from 1 to 2 years. No discussion was held on these items and each was moved and 2nd for approval with no changes.

PTA Calendar Update & Approval:

Kayla Green, Vice President, the updates on the PTA Calendar for the school year. No discussion was held and was moved and 2nd for approval with no changes.

Treasurer's Report

Chelsea Cole, Treasurer, shared the new 23-24 school year budget. She discussed the increase in our budgeted corporate sponsor revenue due to a sponsorship from Joe's KC, and an increase to Walk-a-Thon budgeted expenses, as expenses were higher than anticipated last year. Chelsea shared that the PTA taxes have been filed and the audit has been completed. The budget was moved to motion and approved and 2nd.

Committee Reports

Kayla Green, Vice President, shared an overview of each of the committees

Spirit Wear - The spirit wear orders were submitted.

Corporate Donations - Courtney Lewis shared approximately \$13K has been raised in corporate donations; Our goal was \$11,500. Yard signs and banners need ordered. We will also be doing a Facebook shout-out and Courtney asked for suggestions on what to add on the post.

Restaurant Nights - Papa Murphy's restaurant night is on September 14th. This has been shared on the PTA's Facebook page.

Walk a Thon - Marla shared there is discussion about not having a lap goal this year. We will have a raffle for any student raising at least \$5 for a pass to the KC Zoo & Aquarium. The committee is looking for volunteers to help in the morning and afternoon of the Walk-a-Thon and a Sign Up Genius will be going out.

Staff Meal - Joe's KC is donating the dinner and Bridge Church will be donating Goodcents during Parent-Teacher Conferences. A Sign-Up Genius will be going out for drinks and anything small that may be needed.

Skate Party - October 19 from 6-8 pm.

Room Parents held a meeting following the general meeting to discuss ideas for the Halloween Parties.

Other Business

The PTA is looking for someone who would want to write thank you notes to businesses and volunteers, such as the Huhtamaki interns, if anyone would be interested in helping.

The PTA will be donating a free book during the book fair. The PTA was able to provide more high-quality books to the older grades. There was also conversation about potentially donating books to the library.

Discussion was held about having a "Bring your favorite person" dance or trivia night, likely later in the year.

Richelle Hodges presented to the PTA about the Reflections art program. This year's theme is "I am hopeful because..."

Upcoming Events

WAT packets go home to students (9/22)

Staff Conference Lunch (9/28)

Walk a Thon (10/13)

Skate Party (10/19)

Room Parent Meeting @7pm

Social Event – held at El Patron