

PTA Meeting Minutes September 9, 2023

In attendance: Megan Thomas, Brian O'Malley-Gamrat, Tami Coppler, Amy Jenkins, Fatima Jawad, Amber Coffy, Shoham Rober, Melisa Leventry, Samantha Welsh, Greg Welsh, Tim Coppler, Christian Comm, Sarah Claassen, Carolyn Kemp, John Adamson, Edith Adamson, Olesea Sizemore

Online attendees: Courtney Lawton, Adam Sam, Marie Bittner, Krystle Gavin, Robert Herring, Sara Refer, Cara Heisler, Courtney Bonnet, David O'Malley-Gamrat

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President, Megan Thomas.

1. Welcome and introductions given by Megan Thomas.
2. President's report given by Megan Thomas.
 - a. Membership is open. Provided where to find the information and how to sign up.
 - b. Discussed the bylaws are fiscal year, May through April and motioned to change to July through June.
 1. Following voted yes to the change: Tim Coppler, David O'Malley-Gamrat, Amber Coffy, Olesea Sizemore, Brian O'Malley-Gamrat, Amy Jenkins. 10/4/2023: Edited to include these 2 names.
 - c. Mrs. Amy Rynn volunteered to be the liaison between the PTA and teachers.
 - d. The PTA is striving to go paperless. Provided email address, PTA website and PTA Facebook group information.
3. Treasurer's Report given by Tami Coppler.
 - a. Current Balance: \$2,090.33
 - b. Explanation of funds collected and spent to date.
4. New Business
 - a. Volunteer Opportunities: expressed the importance of getting clearances in and how to complete. Visit www.signupgenius.com and search for craftonelementarypta@gmail.com
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 - c. Homeroom coordinators: forms sent out and are to be returned by 9/18/2023.
 - d. Looking for a Family Reading Night Committee to help plan the October and March family activities. October theme is safety.
 - e. Monthly teacher appreciation volunteers needed. PTA will provide up to \$50 reimbursement.
 - f. Reviewed PTA sponsored events/activities for students for the 2023/2024 school year:
 - o Fall Family Night and Book Fair
 - o Halloween Party

- Holiday Party
 - Jingle Bell Junction
 - Valentine's Day Party
 - NEW Mobile Mini Golf
 - NEW Pie Day Math Fun
 - Spring Family Night and Book Fair
 - Talent Show
 - Fun Day
 - PTA Days - Dress Up Theme
 - Field trips and transportation per grade
 - Transportation for 3rd grade to attend Pittsburgh Symphony
 - NEW Chalk the Walk Positive PSSA Messages
 - NEW Collaborate with Allegheny County Parks Ranger program
- g. Provided the PTA fundraisers for the 2023/2024 school year.
- Guilt Free Parent Donations
 - Pierogi Sale
 - Hoagie Sale
 - Spirit Sale
 - Sarris
 - Square One
 - PTA Days
 - Box Tops
 - Penny Wars
 - Gift of Time
 - NEW Birthday Shout Outs
 - NEW Cookie Dough (TBD)
 - NEW Jenny Lee Bread
 - NEW Fitfeine Give Back
- h. Mark your calendar: list of all PTA Days given.
- PTA Days - Neon Day - 9/15
 - Pierogi Pick Up - 9/20 AND 9/27
 - 2 Hour Delay for Students - 9/29
 - Fitfeine Give Back 10/3 (Waiting to confirm date)
 - PTA Meeting - 10/4 at 7:00pm
 - Annual PTA Membership deadline - 10/6
 - Fall Book Fair In School - 10/12 and 10/13
 - October Family Night - Safety Theme - 10/12
 - 2 Hour Delay for Students - 10/27
 - Red Ribbon Week - 10/23 through 10/31
 - Halloween - 10/31
 - ** Grades K-2 Dress Up/Parade/Classroom Party
 - ** Grades 3-6 Classroom Party

5. 6th Grade Committee funds report given by Tami Coppler:

- Fall Rocket Launch -10/5: Volunteers/donations needed
- Study Buddy Picnic
- Living Historian
- Math Competition
- 6th Grade Dance
- 6th Grade Graduation

- Support the 6th grade committee by participating in upcoming fundraisers:
 - Car Wash - 9/16
 - Primanti Brothers Dine In/Take Out - 9/20
 - Pep Rally - 9/27
 - Additional fundraising opportunities in the spring - watch for more information
6. Principal's Report given by Marsha Burleson.
- a. PAWS200/Character Trait for September is Respect.
 - b. What's new at Crafton. A lot of renovations to outside and inside building.
 - c. Community ongoing and future partnerships.
 - d. Red valve donated over 300 supplies this year.
 - e. Talked about the Cougar Clubs.
 - f. Handbook online
 - g. Follow Crafton Elementary on twitter; now know as X.
 - h. Vision Van to visit Crafton Elementary School on 9/19/2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm and turned over to Dr. Kreider for a community Meeting.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Crafton Elementary School Library.

Minutes completed by Amy Jenkins, Crafton Elementary PTA Secretary.