

# PTA Meeting Agenda

November 1, 2023

## Online Members:

Tami Coppler, PTA Treasure, Cara Heisler, David O'Malley – Gamrat, Jean T.

## In Person Attendees:

Megan Thomas, PTA President, Brian O'Malley – Gamrat, PTA VP, Amy Jenkins, PTA Secretary, Sam Walsh, Ashley Schaffer, Michele Kish, Charlotte Blue, Edith Adamson, Olesea Sizemore

**Meeting called together by Megan Thomas, PTA President at 7:03pm.**

## Welcome and Introductions

Childcare being provided until 8pm.

## PTA focus

Our focus is to encourage and support a positive school environment with our students, staff, families and community as we strive to advocate for programs and policies that nurture students and education. We do this by volunteering our time while sponsoring and funding programs that enhance the educational and social experiences of all Crafton students.

## President's Report

- Vote to approve minutes from October meeting
  - **Approved by Amy Jenkins and seconded by Michele Kish**
  - **Megan explained that PTA meeting minutes must be public on the Carlynton School District Website.**
    - **These can be found under Crafton Elementary.**
- Monthly “newsletter” for November should have been sent home
- Altoona PTA Convention was held Saturday October, 13. Attended with Tami - topics included:
  - Mental Health & Supportive Emotional Well-Being Education for Students, Teachers, and Overall School Climate
  - Having the Tough Talk About Sex & Where It Can Lead
  - Laughter Yoga
  - Healthy Relationships
  - How Robert Can Help You Run an Effective Meeting

- Small Games of Chance
- Quokka Prints Fundraising – **does printing based in California**
- **Due to** PTA Meetings will now be posted to the Carlynton website - they will no longer be emailed.
- **Talked about this past month's PTA events/actions completed. We were not able to access the drive, therefore will share pictures during next month's meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report (Given by Tami Coppler)**

**October 2023 expenses:**

- Fall Family Night Pretzel Tray: \$135
- Altoona PTA Conference Fee: \$170
- Altoona PTA Conference Fuel Reimbursement: \$31.64
- Kindergarten Field Trip (Jankoski's): \$320
  - Transportation was paid for via school grant
- Halloween Party Snacks: \$198.88
- Raffle tickets: \$16.04
- Red ribbon week popcorn: **(question was asked if popcorn was peanut oil free? Tami will follow up)** \$89.88
  - **It was noted that Giant Eagle gave a \$24 gift card**

**Money Profited by PTA In October 2023:**

- Birthday Shout Outs: \$70
- Hoagies: \$762
- Guilt Free Donations: \$50
- PTA Days: \$74
- Fitfeine Giveback Day: \$100
- Scholastic Book Fair: \$1,510.96
  - **Additional profit from online sales will be added and reported at next month's meeting for a final overall profit amount.**
- Fall Family Night (Raffle Baskets, 50/50): \$359

**November 2023 (as of 10/29) starting account balance:**

\$6,163.80

- Checks not yet cashed:
  - \$1,298 for Peppi's Hoagies Payment
  - \$170 for Altoona PTA Conference
  - \$240 for PTA Dues

**Principal's Report** - Mrs. Burleson was available for this meeting. However, did supply her principal report for everyone to have a copy; it is also available online.

## **New Business**

- 6th Grade Committee
  - Nothing to report for 6<sup>th</sup> grade committee
  - Parent suggestions:
    - to only allow one winner per raffle basket going forward; some people were upset that the same person/people won several baskets
    - offer silent auction
    - parents also shared their concerns that ticket pullers were looking at the tickets when pulling allowing them to cheat and pull a specific winner; Brian O'Malley – Gamrat ensured everyone that her personally shook each bag prior to the winners being pulled; no room for cheating
    - suggestion was made to look into a bingo wheel for future drawings
    - discussed a Parents Night out fundraiser where parents drop off students for a couple hours of babysitting; fee would include a piece of pizza and drink; offer other snacks and beverages after that for sale.
    - Night at the Races
    - Mad Mex fundraiser was mentioned again. Price is \$60 per ticket to include dinner, dessert and alcohol beverage. Mad Mex only keeps \$10 to pay servers and the remaining \$50 goes to PTA.
    - Bob's Dinner fundraiser scheduled at Kennedy Location 3 – 8pm on the same day Carnegie PTA to have same fundraiser at the Carnegie location.
    - Suggested a color run
    - Suggested walk for a cause fundraiser
    - Spaghetti Dinner Rockegellers - \$12 a ticket; need to collaborate with Carnegie.
    - Talked about checking with new venue in Crafton; EnV'd Event Studio

- Volunteer Opportunities
  - November 17 - 3p-6p : Distribute spirit wear
    - Amy to create sign up genius and create an event in Facebook
  - December 15 - 3p-6p : Distribute cookie dough –
    - **Cookie Dough Company will give us an exact date once the orders and funds have been submitted on 11/28/2023 for a specific delivery date.**
    - **Amy will then create a sign up genius for volunteers to help sort and distribute orders.**
  - December 18,19,20 - Jingle Bell Junction
    - **Donations of gift wrap and gift bags needed**
    - **Sign up geniuses are out there for set up/decorating volunteers as well as working the event.**
      - **Amy to share again on facebook.**
  - Clearances - All clearances must be in 3 weeks prior to volunteering  
Visit Carlynton  
[www.carlynton.k12.pa.us/our\\_district/volunteers](http://www.carlynton.k12.pa.us/our_district/volunteers)
  - Visit [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and search [craftonelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:craftonelementarypta@gmail.com)
  
- PTA Fundraisers
  - November 1 - November 13: Cookie Dough
    - **This end date was updated to 11/21/2023**
    - **Orders are not due to company until 11/28/2023**
  - November 15 - November 30: Square One
  - November 17: PTA Day: PJ Day \$2 Donation
  - November 28: December Birthday Shout AOuts Due \$5 Donation
  
- PTA Events
  - None in November
  - **Dr. Krieder will be at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## Reminders - Ways to Donate

- Birthday Book Club - Purchase a book for the library in honor of your child's birthday. Questions regarding the Birthday Book Club should be directed to Amanda Sirianni  
[Amanda.Sirianni@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:Amanda.Sirianni@carlynton.k12.pa.us)
- FREESTORE 15106 - Non-perishable foods are collected in the donation box in the front lobby. Questions regarding receiving donations or general questions for the FREESTORE should be directed to Don Alexander [Donald.Alexander@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:Donald.Alexander@carlynton.k12.pa.us)
- Guilt Free PTA Donation - Donations accepted throughout the school year

### **Mark your Calendar**

- November 1 - November 30: Pajama Drive
- November 6: No School
- November 7: No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 23, 24, 27: No School

### **Parent Feedback/ Open Discussion**

- **Tax forms change based on the amount raised**
- **Do we need to be PTA? PTO/PTG?**