

Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Agenda
October 17, 2017
General PTA Meeting 9:15am - Pleasant Ridge

AM Attendees: Sharon Bux, Anne O'Neill Binney, Gail Weiss, Kara Kline, Galia Polyanovsky, Laura Floyd, Niki VanVuren, Karen Kim, Whitney Langas, Jennifer Havill, Laura Lane, Evelyn Caliendo, Tracy Reeder, Rebecca Richards, Maria Stephan, Andrea Miller, Jane Karr, Kevin Dorken, Erik Friedman

| Time | Agenda Item |
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| 9:20am | Call Meeting to Order — Sharon Bux Sharon called the meeting to order at 9:20am |
| 9:20 am | Thank you's — Sharon Bux International Night- Gaila and Jennifer, the staff at PR and all who hosted and attended. Spiritwear sales— Jenny Gitelson/Whitney Langas - Picture day help— Staci Emerson/Jenny Gitelson- International night assemblies—cultural enrichment team Staff meet and greets—Staff appreciation team Walk bike to school— E-team |
| 9:25am | Officer's Reports Financial Highlights — Kara Kline Directory ads will be \$6K. Nicor auto debit was incorrect- needed to get taken care of on account. IL Paid Dues (\$1700). Will have international night expenses come in now. Current Net income (\$7394). Federal/State taxes filed and mailed. PTA Council Report Overview — Anne O'Neil Binney Deli spoke about his shadowing of a 7th grader. Also will be following Springman student, and will rotate to other classes and watch/listen in. Also plans to have board members watch classrooms as well. Looking into issue of space at schools. Possibly hiring a consulting firm to help figure out better use of space. Also looking at incorporating more flexible space for the changing class sizes year to year. Guest speaker was a parent who came to talk about allergies in the schools/classrooms and D34 will review policies regarding allergies. Nov 2nd - Glenview Youth Services will have meeting on perception drug at library 6-8pm Oct 25th - GEF Granite city Meet n Greet for K-2 Parents 7-9pm. |
| 9:33am | Mentor Program Update — Maria Stephan No news |
| 9:35am | Room Parents Update — Shari Isaacs, Dana Palmer (via Sharon) |

Sent out email to room parents for changes for Halloween policy to PR.
Room Parents- Send in your numbers for the money you have collected for your classrooms.
Send in Art Enrichment chair person to Robin if you have one.
Empty bowls letter went out as well to room parents.

9:35am

Committee Chair Reports

Art Enrichment — Robin Cohen (Sharon)

Still looking for parents to volunteer. Volunteers are low. May need to educate more parents about how easy it is to get more people involved.

Benefit — Tracy Reeder, Gail Weiss

Save the date Sat, Feb 24th. Working hard on getting sponsors. Karen Kim is taking on this great job of sponsorship! We have a great team of people working with us. Have a few new people on board working on staff parties. Getting committees together soon to start working and will have a big kick off party next month.

Fall Book Fair — Rebecca Herlitz, Niki VanVuren

In pretty good shape for book fair. On Thursday, will have Clifford the Dog come for visit. Getting food trucks lined up, working on donut truck. Friday, will be pizza night served by Mr. Friedman. Mr. Dorken will be reading Secret Pizza Party and we will have about 80 copies for sale. Starting Oct 30- kids will bring in loose change to classrooms. Then teachers can use the change to purchase books and Scholastic will match the amount for change brought in. Coloring contest will be distributed through room parents and eblast.

Box Tops — Bobbie Rubin (Via Sharon)

Get them in before the Nov 1!

Character Counts — Elyce Ventura (Via Sharon)

Food drive is this week. Bring in items at your conference time!

Cultural Enrichment — LY:Cynthia Reeder, PR:Rachel Giles (viaSharon)

Had good success with the performances at international night

Debra Gelfand — Kristi Mariani (via Sharon)

Made \$250 selling Carsons books at International Night.

PTA Directory — Karen Kim

Directory will be done soon. Going to final proofs with printer. Then will be sent to Jenn Nimke at D34 for final approval.

Empty Bowls — Jane Karr

Everything is donated— except for water and bread. Bread maybe from Wildlife or Mariano's or Panera.

Mary Tapia is working hard on bowls. Teachers have made 5 bowls/ servers for the baskets to be auctioned off.

Looking for things to be donated with the bowls/baskets with thanksgiving theme (candles, butter dish, dish towels, etc). Want to have these baskets get high bids and bring in money.

Environmental team— Laura Lane, Marney Schager

Open of ideas for rest of year.

Extracurricular — Natalie Sephadari (via Sharon)

Email went out this AM with Winter sessions.

Holiday Helper – Maryellen Cozad, Andrea Dowing, Ramie Robbins (via Sharon)

They are in need more sponsors for the families. Or will take donations.

International Night — Galia Polyanovksy, Jennifer Havill

All went well. About 1000 people over all. Looking into maybe having international night pay for itself by having local business sell items and we take a share of sales. Maybe ask these businesses to help donate to the benefit. Maybe just have sponsors and signage for international night and no selling of products there.

Jump Rope for Heart— Laura Floyd

Date is March 9th. Kick off Feb 1. Will have someone at a future PTA meeting come talk more about Jump Rope for Heart.

Spiritwear – LY: Whitney Langas, PR: Jenny Gitelson

\$4300 total from online sales. \$2000 at PR, \$2300 at Lyon

Staff Appreciation – Erika Sullivan, Andrea Miller, Katie Chasen

Next week will have breakfast at Lyon. Pop in say hello and meet staff members.

10:08am

Special Guest Speakers

Mary Geraghty- Executive Director of Student Services

About her: Has 3 children, all in their 20s. Worked in special ed for about 13 years. Taught at a day school, in resource classroom, in co-teaching classroom, and in a self-contained classroom. About 12 years ago decided to go into administration side. Has been a director for a few years. Last job was for 4 years as director in Osego for a large school district. My role at D34 touches everyone else job. Looks over 504s and

IEPs for students. Works with all special ed teachers/staff and NSSD. There are about 20 students in therapeutic schools outside of district 34 and she works closely with those students/staff as well. Her approach is to work with teachers and families to what is best for child. She also has experience from the parent side (child had IEP since he was 3). She will be happy to give a presentation on any topic to our PTA.

10:19am

Rachel Snyder from Glenview Public Library (GPL)

Review of programming at GPL.

Battle of the books is getting underway. New program like Battle of the Books for 6th graders will start this year.

There are lots of flyers at the library and on the website about all the programming the library offers. All is free. Some programs require a sign up and those with Library cards get priority for first two weeks.

Caudill Book Club is for middle schoolers. She'll be at lunch in the middle schools to do the book club.

Tuesdays is drop in homework helper, 20-30 sessions, help for 1st-8th graders.

Oct 28th - "GLENcon"- Glenview's first ever comic con.

Stem based activities (change 2x a month) in the trees area of the Library.

10:25am

Principal Reports—

Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal

All safety drills have gone well and are finished. Conferences are going on— big effort on all, a big mile stone for the year.

Excited for empty bowls. Good way to connect with social emotional with Empty Bowls and CC food drive.

New traffic procedures- Main issue was Safety! People cut through the lot to avoid the light at Lake/Waukegan. Also people will cut the carpool line which is unfair.

Erik Friedman, PR Principal

All is good here at PR. International night was great. This weeks unplanned evacuation went well. Conferences are underway.

10:45am

Meeting Adjourned — Sharon Bux