

CSA PTA Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018

Jane Leverett called the meeting to order at 8:08 and noted that all previous minutes will be posted by the end of the day. Jane Leverett, Jennifer Major, Mary Hoffman, D'Nette Dodds, Bill Burger, Meredith Moore, Leslie Appling, Stehania Pancioli, Mayra Powers, Betsy Humphrey and Merida Carrabba are in attendance.

Meredith reported that as of January 31, we have a balance of \$15,319.00. The starting balance for the period was \$16,936.30 and we wrote checks for \$1,619.30. We also have approximately \$30,000.00 in savings.

Bill Burger talked about building progress – basically waiting on approvals and compliances for things to continue (such as getting the rock wall out of the warehouse). He has been spending more time in classes and is extremely impressed by the independence of the 8th graders.

Stephanie gave a birthday bash update. They are really working on soliciting donations now. Games are organized and ordered. There will be a cake decorating contest and the cakes will be auctioned off. Invites go out next week. They got “my school anywhere” addresses and will import them into auctria (the auction site) so people can preregister. There will be NO checkout at the birthday bash. It will be handled the following week. We need a new MC – probably Stephanie’s husband. Working on grade level dinners to get everyone involved with birthday bash/auction prep.

(A side discussion involved the possibility of using “My School Anywhere” more. Right now, we use “Constant Contact” for the newsletter.)

Leslie Appling talked about progress with our Sister School. Our sister school team met with the CIS rep. There was plenty of discussion, but no firm plan. Ball is in their court now. We did earmark \$300 for their use. We cannot simply donate the money because they are not an official PTA, and given their volunteer situation, it may not make sense for them to become a PTA. We will focus on manpower and encourage oversight.

Jane noted that Crystal Collier will be coming to speak to all the students at Cornerstone on Thursday, March 22 at 9:50. The talk will be aimed at the kids and will cover a variety of dangerous behaviors such as vaping, electronics...Parents will probably be allowed to come listen. The cost was \$350.

The nominating committee for next year’s PTA positions will be Jennifer Major, Susan Marks, Mrs. Walpole, Stephanie Pluchino, and Juan Miranda. We may ask Paige Wardell to serve as an alternate. Jane made a motion to approve the committee, Meredith seconded. In a vote, the approval was unanimous.

Jane, Meredith and Merida talked about technology goals. We will have an online directory through My School Anywhere (as well as print). This will cost \$100.00. They are being very sensitive to people’s desire to NOT be included. Will have the big form online with a line for teacher appreciation donations. Will make spirit wear pre-orderable.

Jane noted that Whitney Grunder Laidlaw is our school bell award nominee AND Cornerstone teacher of the year. Jane is taking reservations for the Founder’s Day dinner.

Jane and Meredith reported that we received a notice from the Texas PTA for non-compliance and may potentially be in danger of losing our Good Standing. We have had 2 issues with the filing of our 990 tax returns with the IRS. The return for 2015-2016 was originally marked as late and all notifications were being sent to the wrong address since we had relocated to our transition campus. This has been cleared and late fees waved since Kristin Hopper was able to provide proof of timely filing. The 2016-2017 return was filed before the IRS deadline, but after the Texas PTA deadline resulting in a second notice from the Texas PTA. Jane, Meredith and Kristin feel this will be resolved with help from David Davenport who is a mentor with the SBISD Council of PTAs. Ultimately the situation will probably not impact us at all, but Meredith proposed having a CPA file our 990 returns in the future.

Jane made announcements- Next Board meeting March 7, GENERAL meeting Friday March 9@12:30 (double checking time), final GENERAL meeting Thursday May 10@6:30 at the fine arts review.

Jane adjourned at 9:00.