

**Clarksville Elementary School
PTA Meeting
October 10, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendees:

Board Members:

Stephanie McClellan (Vice President); Stephanie Youngsworth (Vice President);
Micaela Crooks (Recording Secretary)

CES Administration and Staff:

Lauren Slattery (Assistant Principal)

Committee Chairs:

Jennifer Sager (Newsletter); Sarah Gettier (Box Tops); Annika Luke (Membership)

Members:

Wei Dai, Xia Chen, Swathi Rao

President's Report – Stephanie McClellan

- Complaints from parents about bathrooms not having enough soap and toilet paper; Mrs. Slattery assured the PTA that the school is well stocked with plenty of supplies and to tell students to let their teachers know when bathrooms are out
- CES Community Outreach – PTA has been contacted to do a Barnes and Noble Night for a Baltimore school
 - After discussion, the consensus of the group was that CES would rather do something for a Howard County school because there is so much need here in Howard County.
- Pink Day – October 21st – Wear something pink
- Motion made by Stephanie Youngsworth to approve May and September meeting minutes; motion seconded by Annika Luke; minutes approved as published

Principal and Assistant Principal's Report – Lauren Slattery

- October 28th – Halloween and Fall Celebration; Parade will be at ~2:45pm
- October 27th – pumpkin decorating contest
- November 16th – Turkey Trot
- 3rd and 5th grade CogAT – November 30, December 1, December 2
 - No prep work
 - Used for GT placement
- December 6th – STEM Night
- MAP testing going on for all students in grades 1-5; reports will be sent home with report cards

Treasurer's Report – submitted by Judy DeMasi

- Audit has been conducted; all tax information has been submitted
- Need a Treasurer for next year as Judy's term will end
- June 30th balance - \$34,000; September 30th balance - \$39,000
- Cougar Mascot costume bought for \$800

PTA Howard County Delegate Report – No report

Committee Reports

Directory

- Approval to do ads at the same cost as last year
- Deadline for ads is October 31, 2016

Membership – Annika Luke

1-person memberships	90	\$1,350
2-person memberships	78	\$1,950
Total Members	246	
Total Teachers/Staff	49	
\$4.25/member sent to PTA USA		
Total owed to PTA USA		\$1,253.75
Total from membership including extra checks		\$3,300.00
Total Cougar Donations		\$7,420.00
TOTAL		\$10,170.00
Total after payment to PTA USA		\$8,916.25

Deadline October 31st for memberships

Afterschool Programs – submitted by Swathi Rao Karanji

- Chess and Drama programs are underway; Cool Crafts starts this week; Rube Goldberg starting
- Yoga – only 3 or 4 students are signed up but going forward with program
- Deadline first week in December for programs for Session II; forms will go home for Session II after Winter break

Volunteers – submitted by Seizin Palmer

- If you need volunteers and sign-up genius created, contact her.

Box Tops – Sarah Gettier

- Starting contest by grade for box tops; winning grade will get a lunch time switch day
- Due by last Thursday of every month
- Mrs. Becker suggested including kids in box top collection; other suggestions were to designate a specific purpose for money so kids were motivated; collection box in each classroom

Communications – Jennifer Sager

- Email newsletter being sent out Thursday nights; Tuesday evening is deadline for items
- Jennifer will look at new members and make sure that they are getting the newsletter
- The school will send out a reminder that you must subscribe to the PTA newsletter through the PTA website in order to receive it

Spirit Wear – submitted by Jennifer Van Kirk

- Sale total - \$4,395
- All items sold well except for the ¼ zip shirts (sold none)
- Order has been submitted and waiting for vendor to confirm and let us know the cost
- Expecting items within 2 weeks (classroom distribution shortly thereafter)
- Need to determine next sale date and whether to add additional items like PJ bottoms

Cultural Arts

- Jacqui Handelman and Jennifer Van Kirk willing to work on this committee

5th Grade Programming

- Having a hard time getting responses with t-shirt sizes

Fun Run – submitted by Jessica Nezu

- April 1st – Robin Egg Hunt Fun Run
- Using same course and will again have t-shirts

Fundraising – Stephanie McClellan

- December 1st 7pm-8pm – Paint Night in the cafeteria
 - Pinot Palette will come
 - \$45 per person; \$9 back to PTA
 - 18 and up – adult only
 - Link to sign-up will be sent; need at least 30 painters; no limit on how many painters
 - Less than 25, PTA gets 20% back
 - More than 25, PTA gets 25% back

Health and Wellness – submitted by Cindy Jun

- Walk to school day had a great turn out
- Next event is November 15th – America Recycles

International Night

- Moved to a spring event

Holiday Shop – Stephanie Youngsworth

- December 14 – 16th – set-up
- December 15 – 16th – shop open
- Shopping during hot cocoa social evening of December 16th

Reflections – submitted by Kathie Blackman

- Registered with national PTA
- Will start advertising soon
- Would like to use PTA bulletin board October through December

Spring Fling

- Looking for volunteer(s) to organize Spring Fling

Website – Annika Luke

- Will update with Reflections stuff

Yearbook

- Howard County yearbook needs to be done on school property (not on a MAC computer)
- Working through this issue with Administration

Welcome Committee

- No new students

Room Parents

- Each grade has picked liaisons; will coordinate across classrooms
- Room parents picked
- Howard County not as strict with food

New Business

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- November 14
- December 12
- January 9
- February 13
- March 13
- April 3
- May 8
- June 12 – no meeting, PTA dinner

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.