



# MINUTES

## EMES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Date | time 12/10/2014 9:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Maureen Kirk, President*

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### **In Attendance**

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Daniel Lani, Maureen Kirk, Theresa Dinman, Laurie Williams, Kevin Arcano, Stephanie DeWan, Natalie Bulman, Kate Akers, Karen Giurintano, Kim Noel, Sheila Heinz, Liliana DeCastro, Julie Sprinkle

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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Karen Giurintano moved to approve the minutes, Kate Akers seconded; passed unanimously.

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### **Principal's Report – Daniel Lani**

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Mr. Lani reminded the group that the Winter Sing-a-Long was to be held on 12/19 at 1:00 pm. All were invited to attend. He mentioned that EMES would be participating in the SEAC Inclusive Schools' Week. He also mentioned that the Study Buddies program continued to go well, although they continue to be in need of volunteers.

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### **President's Report, Maureen Kirk**

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Maureen thanked Kevin Arcano, Becky Miltenberger, Monica Morrell, and Lisbeth Diaz for their work on a successful Donuts with Dads. She also acknowledged Kevin Arcano for all of his hard work pulling together the soup and salad teachers' luncheon.

Maureen discussed PTA mail procedures and the use of VA Sales Tax Exemption Certificate

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### **Treasurer's Report**

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Theresa Dinman read the Treasurer's Report that was prepared by Juana Kazmieczak.

Theresa made a motion to reduce the income from the fall session of ASEP from \$22,870 to \$20,522. Laurie Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Outreach Committee would like to cancel one of their used book sales. Liliana DeCastro made a motion to (1) reduce the Outreach Committee income from \$1,070 to \$535 and (2) cancel the related expenses. Theresa Dinman provided the second. Motion was unanimously approved.

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### **Report of Standing Committees**

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**Teacher Grants Committee:** Stephanie DeWan provided an overview of the guidelines & application review process. Liliana DeCastro moved that we accept the plan of the committee and Kevin Arcano seconded it; motion passed unanimously.

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### **Old Business**

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No old business to discuss.

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## **New Business**

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Sheila Heinz and Kim Noel made a presentation on the history of Back Pack Buddies (BPB). BPB currently supports 124 students at EMES. Every single classroom has a student receiving BPB support. The goal of the program is to provide food to “food insecure” students. Each backpack contains two containers of shelf milk. Sheila made a request for funding for \$1,480 to cover the cost of milk for two months.

A lengthy discussion ensued which included an in-depth examination of the PTA mission and bylaws as well as a review of IRS guidelines for non-profit organizations to explore and understand all implications of providing financial support to BPB. Documentation reviewed as part of this discussion is available in hard copy by request to the PTA Secretary, Theresa Dinman.

Liliana DeCastro made a motion to approve the request of \$1,400 for milk money for BPB. Kate Akers provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie DeWan made a motion to re-allocate \$1,000 from the Outreach Budget that was to be used for an ethnic band at multicultural night to cover the cost of the milk. The remaining \$480+ will come from the general operating budget. Karen Giurintano provided the second. Motion was unanimously approved.

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## **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 7 at 7 pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.