



MINUTES

EMES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

In Attendance

Mr. Pellegrino, Maureen Kirk, Theresa Dinman, Juana Kazmierczak, Laurie Williams, Kevin Arcano, Kim Noel, Stephanie DeWan, Deirdre Rommelmeyer, Julie Sprinkle, Gretchen Leonard.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the September board meeting. An amendment to the Treasurer's Report was made to reflect that Juana Kazmierczak handed out information regarding the proper procedure for handling PTA funds. Kevin Arcano made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Kim Noelle provided a second. Motion to approve the September minutes passed unanimously.

Principal's Report – Michael Pellegrino

Read a Thon is going great. There is a lot of positive buzz in the school.

Book Fair family night is tonight.

Appreciate the PTA support of PBIS. The \$50 additional incentive is a big boost to the teachers.

Test scores: Loudoun Report card was printed in the Leesburg Today. EMES was one of four elementary schools that scored at a 90% level in all subject areas of the SOLs.

President's Report

Thank you to the staff and membership for the support of the Clothing Swap. People were lined up at the door to get in so we should probably start earlier next year. Thank you to Juana Kazmierczak for lining up Spanish translators. Next year we should work on the timing; many families showed up early (7:30 am) and by 9:00 am a lot of the clothes were gone.

Thank you to Deirdre Rommelmeyer for coordinating all the spirit nights.

Thanks to Gretchen Leonard for all the hard work on sponsorship.

Thanks to Lynn Colavita for the directory work; it comes out on October 17.

ASEP: thank you to Monica Morrell and Sharon Yarborough for all their hard work.

At the end of the meeting, Holly Rhodes is stopping by to discuss the Academies of Loudoun. If you're interested in hearing about it, please stay.

Please make use of the website: you will find the minutes from general membership meetings there as well as other useful information.

Treasurer's Report

Juana Kazmierczak, Treasurer handed out the latest budget and the ledger that shows any checks that were cut or deposited. She also handed out a "tip sheet" on how to get reimbursed.

Highlights for the month: see attached.

Two amendments to the budget:

- \$4000 grant from Lowes. Laurie Williams made a motion to accept the money; Kevin Arcano provided the second. Motion approved unanimously.
- Increase the budget for the Special Projects Committee from \$5,000 to \$8,000. The plan to amend the budget was voted on electronically and needs to be ratified.

- There was unanimous approval to ratify the plan
- Vote to approve the budget change passed unanimously.

Juana presented the audit for the 2013-2014 year. The Audit Committee found no errors in the budget. Kevin Arcano made a motion to approve the audit; Laurie Williams provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of Standing Committees

Monster Mash Update: Maureen Kirk provided an update: The Monster Mash will be held in the evening on October 24th. Kids can wear costumes. We'll have a DJ and games (photo booth, cake walk, relay races in hallway). Concessions will be in gym. Kids are encouraged to bring a decorated pumpkin. This will be a free event with items for sale (glow sticks, popcorn hand, etc.) to try to earn approximately \$500.

LEAP Committee: Julie Sprinkle provided an overview of the last LEAP meeting. The topic was security. All students should have brought home a brochure entitled "See Something, Say Something." Law enforcement encourages families to report any suspicious behavior.

Bullying was also discussed with the emphasis being that we're all responsible for stopping bullying. If you see bullying, say something. We're all individually responsible for stopping bullying.

Read-A-Thon: Stephanie DeWan stated that we are \$300 away from making our goal of \$12,000 so it has been a great success. Mrs. Bourscheid's class is in the lead and looks like they'll win the PTA sponsored ice cream party. Stephanie got a donation from Chik Fil A for ice cream coupons for the 2nd and 3rd place classes. Mr. Pellegrino is going to throw in a surprise for the kids if we reach our goal.

Special thank you to Mr. Pellegrino for supporting this fundraiser.

Stephanie made a request for money to buy each student a gift as a thank you. Theresa Dinman made a motion to provide \$400, Julie Sprinkle made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ASEP: Sharon Yarborough provided an update. We had 147 participants last Fall and now we have 119 participants. We budgeted for 12 scholarships but so far we only have 4 desiring a scholarship. Online payment has been great.

Study Buddy: In a perfect world, we would have 30 tutors; we currently have 12. Stephanie DeWan mentioned that Cool Springs brings in paid tutors and it's something to be considered. There is a luncheon in the library coming up for those interested.

Old Business

Theresa Dinman made a motion to create an expense line item of \$50 to provide an ice cream party for the winning Read-A-Thon class. Laurie Williams provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Math Teams: Program is going to be run a bit differently this year. 4th and 5th grades are eligible. Instead of teams it will be a club. At some point some the participants will be assessed for the competition. Two teams will be selected. It is just not practical to send all kids to the competition.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 7pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.