

**White Oaks Elementary
PTA Meeting
November 13, 2018**

The meeting convened at 7:11 pm in the cafeteria

Reviewed October meeting minutes, motion passed by membership vote.

Treasurer's report presented for review.

Old Business

-Fall festival, profit of \$622 for event, received feedback about long line for entry

-Spirit wear shirts to be distributed on Friday, magnets early next week. Everything completed before Thanksgiving break.

-Book fair had sales totaling \$20,785 of which 55% will go back to the library. Nigel the Gnome provided 1 book per class to a student for free, kids who completed summer reading received \$10 in scholastic dollars to spend at the fair on books.

-Election day bake sale made \$780

-Movie night was well attended, 6th grade haunted trailer was a success. Apologize for technical issues, will review before the next movie night

-Veteran's Day breakfast had a full house, band and chorus performed

New Business

-Armchair fundraiser, \$1585 raised so far, tracker in the foyer showing progress. Spirit days earned as reward for students for every \$1,000 raised starting at \$5,000 level. Reminder email will be sent out in A to Z after Thanksgiving.

-Multicultural night is a parent/ teacher organized event to show about the various cultures of our students, all White Oaks families are welcome to attend this free event. Will be meeting on Dec 6 @ 8:30 am for planning, event to be held March 22. Please contact Sandra Guaqueta for more information.

-Advocacy, chair Shaw Skurnick attended the school board meeting and encourages others to attend. This is an opportunity to voice your concerns or share your praises. On Dec 3 from 7-9 pm will be advocacy night at the FC Gov't Center, opportunity to meet the members of the FC Board of Supervisors and the FCPS School Board.

-Clubs, the results from the FB poll show that there is a strong interest in STEM, running, chess and art clubs. Volunteers are needed for chess and art if those clubs are to happen, we already have volunteers for running and STEM clubs. Global Plus will offer Spanish and Korean language courses in the spring. Schedule right now is for clubs to start in early March.

-Emotional Wellness, Winter Breather event Dec 13 from 5-6:30 pm. Will have stations for partner mirroring, calming bottles, stress balls, family yoga and mindfulness breathing exercises. Beautification messaging throughout the school has been approved, will be painting positive messages throughout the building for the students. Rachel Bailey will be speaking about self-esteem/ anxiety in kids at a parent only event on Jan 22. There is a mental health in kids/ first aid seminar on Feb 9 that will be hosted by White Oaks. This is a parent only event, registration will be coming home closer to the date, cost is \$25 per person.

-By Laws, we need to update our by laws by 2020 school year. Looking for volunteers to be on a committee to work on updates to # of officers, rules and regulations for the PTA. Everything has to be submitted and approved by the state PTA before it can go into effect so we would like to get started on this early.

-Movie night, Incredibles 2 on Dec 7th. Also discussed having special mom's night out and/or dad's night out events

-Gobble Grams due Friday, circle which option you want, can put the teacher's name for room and please put the first and last name or initial of the student it is going to.

-Volunteer opportunities: cafeteria help (especially for 4th and 5th grade times), copy room help for K and 1st grade, reading room organizing. Sign ups are available on the website for all these opportunities.

WatchDOGS

-5 volunteers helped for book fair and 5 assisted at Veteran's Day breakfast

-Looking into other volunteer needs such as kiss & ride, crosswalk help for arrival and dismissal

Principal's Update

-Kindness calls, 1 family per day is the goal. Students get bracelet bands when they are seen doing an act of kindness and the call home to praise them. Suggestion made to share some of the kindness stories with the school.

-Reminder that all kids should cross at the crosswalk for their safety

-Construction is on schedule for move over winter break. Grades K, 2 and 3 will be moving to permanent classrooms. Fields to be done in the spring. Looking to have grand re-opening in the fall of 2019 when everything is complete.

-Counselors will be doing a drive for gift cards to distribute to White Oaks families in need for the holidays

-Student Council is doing a winter clothes drive Dec 10-14

Next PTA meeting will be on December 18th @ 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm