



## PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – Alamo Library  
Approximately 16 attendees  
Meeting began at 6:31pm

Welcome (6:32pm) – Wendi Digerness

### STORY

Principal's Report (6:33pm) – Rosa Fong

- Thank you to the Alamo Community for a great Halloween Carnival. Thank you to Wendi and Stephanie for organizing it. Thank you to all who volunteered.
- Thank you to the STEM Night team for a great event.
- Thank you to the QTEA Innovation Grant Team (Lily, Sharon, Jodie and Ms. Chin). They are currently working with a coach on the grant design.
- Chorus is having two shows this Friday (lower grade and upper grades).
  - Parents who can get there early to set-up (1:30pm) would be welcome!

Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2015 (6:37pm) – Kira Storch-Chiu

- Motion and approval of meeting minutes for 10/6.
- Reminder: PTA meeting minutes and financial documents can be viewed in the PTA Binder, located in the office.

Treasurer's Report (6:38pm) – Susie Legaspi

- Review of income and expenses for October 2015.
  - Invest In Alamo had a strong month with \$12k coming in.
  - While numbers are not final, Carnival will net ~\$8500.
- Review, motion and approval of checks for October.
- Sidebar discussion: Ms. Revitz asked about the status of Lunchtime Wellness. The program is not happening now but it is thought that it may come back in Spring 2016. Wendi to check with Rosa on status of program.
- Sidebar discussion: Ms. Revitz asked instead of classrooms having balls, maybe we could have a set of "yard balls"?

New Business (Wendi Digerness)

- Mr. Savant and the third grade teachers would like funding for a grade-wide fieldtrip to Mission Science. The cost is \$300 per class but they are still determining final cost.
  - Question: does this include transport? No. Still TBD for this.
  - Question: Can we ask parents to also donate towards this field trip? Yes.
  - Question: Does the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have an annual field trip already? No
- Motion to vote: Allot \$1500 towards this and make it an annual 3<sup>rd</sup> grade fieldtrip moving forward.
  - Vote: 16 in favor, 0 not in favor. Passed.

### Communications (7:23pm) – Sharon Ohlson

- The Web team has a “ticker” on the new website and in October, there were 500 unique visits. Primarily for school tours and enrichment sign-up.
- The Communications team has been speaking with Rooftop in regards to their Parent Directory so that Alamo can have a dynamic online parent-opt-in directory. It would be managed via student HO#'s. 5<sup>th</sup> graders would be phased out once they graduate. This would be free since we are using Rooftop code. They did explore a pay-for service but it was expensive.
- Discussion about getting teachers/parents to use a “school loop” type system to communicate and share curriculum/assignment. Wendi/PTA to ask teachers if they would be interested in using a system like this?

### Events and Initiatives Status (7:13pm) – Wendi Digerness

- Sports Basement Shopping Day is November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm. There will be a Kids Yoga Class – and snacks/drinks. Signs have been posted around school.
- Reminder about Parent/Teacher Conference Week. School will get out an hour earlier at 1:40pm.
- Thanksgiving Teacher Breakfast – Elizabeth Meeks will be sending out a Sign-Up email for parents. We need people to bring breakfast/treats as well as parents to set-up the room and clean-up at the end of the day.
- Gaspare's Pizza Night – On 11/17, families that eat in or take out from Gaspare's between 4pm and 10pm will earn 10% back to Alamo. You just need to write ALAMO on the receipt.
  - Idea: Have Rosa announce on the morning of.

### Fundraising (7:16pm) – Lily Wong

- Invest in Alamo has raised about \$27,000 so far. All families that contribute will receive an Alamo tote bag. (Bag shown.)
  - Kira/Lily to find the IIA sign (thermometer) and hang it up.
- Square 1 Art – The personalized order forms and stickers went home last week. Families have until 11/9 to place orders in order for Alamo to get 33% back of the sales.
- Count Me In – There is a wonderful new CMI bulletin board next to the PTA board. Seven new CMIs were introduced at Carnival with 12 total events. 5 events are completely sold out! We have raised about \$1800 so far. Paulina is looking for more family-oriented events.
- Sidebar discussion: Amy Jang asked if anyone was going to do Beers for Books again. It was a fun event and raised a good amount of money. Natalie Notany to check with her husband about organizing one for this year.
- Sidebar discussion: Natalie Notany asked who the Event Coordinator is for this year. No one has officially accepted this role, so it is vacant.
- Sidebar discussion: Natalie Notany would like to have a Disco Dance Party event for kids/families in 2016. She has a DJ and would hold it in the Alamo auditorium.

- Sidebar discussion: Christine Ko asked if there was a way to have Spell-A-Thon materials sent home in January instead of December because kids seem to misplace the materials. It was discussed that some families that travel for the holidays bring these pledge forms to visiting families to collect pledges so that it why these go home in December.

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### Open Discussion

- Sharon Ohlson asked for next steps for an Online Marketplace for Alamo families that have their own businesses. The PTA is okay with doing this but we'd like to see a plan. For example: What will it look like? Will there be a fee to post a business? Guidelines? Susie Legaspi will look at another school's website that has this and work with Sharon on it.
- John Oberto raised concern over lunchtime in the cafeteria. He feels that students should have more consistency in rules and that there should be more positive messages given. Any other concerned parents should talk to him.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55pm.