



PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 – Alamo Library

Approximately 19 attendees

Meeting began at 6:32pm

Welcome – Wendy Digerness

Story – About our fabulous school tours

Principal's Report (6:35pm) – Rosa Fong

- Thank you to Elizabeth K. and Patty L. for organizing the Thanksgiving Teacher Breakfast Treats
- Coming Up: Inclusive Week – the Student Council is a part of this. There will be student-made handprints that we will connect throughout the school. And, one morning during announcements, all students will form the shape of a heart and hold hands/lock arms. Ms. Kat will be in the middle of the heart to lead students in song.

Approval of Minutes (6:39pm) – Kira Storch-Chiu

- Motion and approval of 1 meeting minutes for 11/3.
- Reminder: PTA meeting minutes and financial documents can be viewed in the PTA Binder, located in the office.
- Suggestion: Print out previous meeting minutes and project them on the screen for attendees to review at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (6:41pm) – Igor Kopman

- Susie Lee is out sick, Igor K. to present financials.
- Review of income and expenses for November 2015.
- Review, motion and approval of checks.

Education Outside (6:45pm) Meredith Witt and Mr. Barisonek

- Ms. Witt provided background on her education and experience.
- Ms. Witt provided information on the type of lessons and learnings that students are receiving, which focus on: garden-based education, leadership/community and horticulture/garden design.
- Ms. Witt and Mr. Barisonek have worked together to create grade-based curriculum that engages students in hands-on science.
- Education Outside works in tandem with the Green Schoolyard Team, in terms of supply needs. There was a request for funding for supplies:
 - \$1500 in basic supplies for everyday class lessons
 - \$1500 for new projects



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- (See slide at end of Meeting Minutes.)
- Tasia Neeve (parent) volunteers to help with grants for this program.

Spell-A-Thon (7:08pm) – Christine Ko

- This fundraiser happens in January.
- Letters and envelopes will go home before Winter Break.
- Suggestion: Is there a way to earmark money raised from this fundraiser for books? An amount of \$300 per class for teachers to purchase books was suggested. (\$7200 for all classes.) Either for this school year or next year.
 - PTA Executive Team to review budget and discuss.

Communications Team (7:13pm) – Tal Palter

- No updates.
- Discussion: The Student Council President promised a school newspaper. Can this be incorporated into electronic communications? Initial thoughts are no as the newspaper is to be student drive and from a student point-of-view. To be discussed further.

Events & Initiatives Status (7:17pm) – Wendi Digerness, Tasia Neeve

- SF & Marin Food Bank Drive – clean out your pantry and bring in food items.
- Community of Sharing
 - This initiative is for Alamo families who need assistance. Tasia Neeve and Julie Wayne are working on this initiative with Ms. Fong. It is done through discreet efforts.
 - For Thanksgiving – we were able to help 10 Alamo families via donations from Grocery Outlet and gift cards.
 - For the holidays – more communications will happen soon. We need ambassadors to help spread the news about this program.
 - For discussion: Can the PTA collect fund for this, even as a pass-through?

Fundraising (7:24pm) – Lily Wong

- Invent in Alamo – just over \$30k raised so far, halfway to our goal.
 - “Giving Tuesday” email reminder went out.
- Farmigo – Judy Lim
 - Organic fruit/veggie/food boxes that are delivered directly to Alamo.
 - If our community orders \$500/week, Alamo gets 10% back. This could go to EO program.
 - We need a coordinator to do this – once a week for two hours. This person gets 30% off orders.



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- Square 1 – Great response for orders! Items will be here on Friday, 12/4 and distributed that day or Monday. We will receive \$3800 from this.
- Gaspare's – \$1,000 in 'Alamo' sales were noted during the fundraising night. We will get a check for ~\$155.
- A new Italian restaurant opening on Clement. The owners want Alamo to create an Alamo pizza. A portion of any orders of the Alamo pizza will go to Alamo.

Open Discussion (7:36pm)

- Jon Oberto – help Ms. Fong with cafeteria situation. Maybe have a round table discussion to see what we can do to help Ms. Fong. Oberto's to come up with a day and time for this discussion.

Story – About Education Outside and digging in the garden and getting hands dirty!

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm