**MINUTES**

**Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting**

**March 10, 2016**

**Eighth Meeting of 2015-2016 School Year**

**Present:**

**Absent:**

**Call to Order (Time: pm) – Sally Raderer**

**Correspondence-Stephanie Estey**

\*No report submitted.

**President’s Action Items/ Announcements-Sally Raderer**

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**Principal’s Update-Dr. Regina Schwab**

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**Treasurer’s Report-** **Gwen Jahangiri**

\*Financial report circulated.

\*Highlights were covered during meeting.

**Executive Committees:**

**1st VP Programs-Tabetha Swertfeger/Erin Reed**

\*No report.

**2nd VP Finance-** **Renee Kreiser/Meghan Gemmill**

**Box Tops for Education-**

\* The Box Tops update is that the March 1st submission was made with 6987 Box Tops processed for $698.70.

\*The class winners for the winter challenge will be announced in the blast and to teachers in an email early next week.

**Finance report-**

\* For Finance we are working on the Run the Diner event on Wed April 13th

**3rd VP Volunteers- Diana Tittermary/Kirsten Hanson**

**-Volunteer of the Year Award Voting**

\* Monday night a document was distributed highlighting the nine nominees for VOY.

\*We have already received many votes...  Thanks!

\*We have provided lists of the nominees and voting forms on the tables.

 \* If you haven't already, please cast your vote for VOY and return the ballots to Kirsten after the meeting or email her by Friday night.

\* We are planning on counting votes over the weekend and announcing the winner next week, although this could change if we need to have a tie-breaker vote, etc.

**Field Day is coming!**

\*Date is Fri, 4/22 (Rain date of Fri, 4/29.)

\* Majority of the publicity and volunteer push will hit AFTER Spring Break.

\* PTA Board will be responsible for manning the Welcome/Vol Check-In Table, so watch for sign-ups.

\*If you or a spouse helped with morning set-up last year, please expect another email this year (likely from Sign-Up Genius.)  Mrs. Reynolds loves repeat helpers.  TIA!

**4th VP Communications – Colleen Bohlman/Irina Libon**

**Publicity Report**

\*No report submitted.

**Lay Advisory- Alexandra Bulla/Kim Berselli**

\* A Henrico School District Lay Advisory meeting will be held at 7pm on March 21st at Moody Middle  School. The topics will be Technology and the specialty centers. These meetings are open to the public, please attend or let Kim Berselli or Alexandra Bula know of any questions or concerns that you would like addressed at the meeting.

\*Our special guests for the March 21 forum are: Tech (<http://henricocte.com/>) and Specialty Centers (<http://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers/>)

-Mr. Mac R. Beaton, Director of CTE, HCPS, [mrbeaton@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:mrbeaton@henrico.k12.va.us)

-Dr. Omega W. Wilson, Ed.D., Director of HS, HCPS, [owwilson@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:owwilson@henrico.k12.va.us)

**County Council- Kevin Dodson/Natalie Nelson**

\*County Council: The last county council meeting was an awards ceremony for all the reflections participants and award winners. The next meeting will be April 12th.

**Standing Committees:**

**After School Programs- Anna Gibellato/Zak Young**

\*No report.

**Cultural Arts/Educational Enhancements – Janet Sullivan/Mary Wilson**

\*The Cultural Arts year is winding down. Over the next 4 weeks we will have our final programs including science programs for our K, 1 and 4th graders and Tales of Griot, a 3rd grade favorite!

\*This week we were dazzled by Virginia Rep's performance of "20,000 Leagues under the Sea."

\*Next week the 2nd and 4th graders will have a one man show, "Aaron Winston - Native American Live", sharing Native American culture through song, dance and clothing.

**Destination Imagination Committee Report-Colleen Bohlman/Irina Libon**

\* Shady Grove Cardinals were well represented at the Central VA Destination Imagination Tournament on Saturday 3/5!   The teams had a great day and put on quite a show.  I was able to see many of the groups and their creativity and hard work was truly inspiring!  Dr. Schwab, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Gill, Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. Marshall were there to cheer for the teams.  As always, it's wonderful to have such strong support from the school and teachers for this wonderful STEAM activity.

\*A huge thank you to parent volunteers who served as team managers:  Jennifer LaPlante, Maureen Karch, Natasha Gamboa, Sherri Brindley, Shilpa Damle, Srilatha Ainala, Srinivas Thummalapalli, Vandana Pi, Yi Sun, Sally Raderer, Mary Wilson, Penny Sellers and Colleen Bohlman

\*Good luck to the Legen-Dairy Cows and the Hot Pink Bacon Stuffed Donuts at the VA State tournament on April 9th at Atlee High School!

\*As none of our elementary level teams are moving on to the State level, I have asked Gwen to release the remaining DI budget for use towards other PTA priorities.

**Grounds – Sejla Hoareau**

\*No report submitted.

**Hospitality-Brigitte Sicat/Kelly Bartlett**

\* No report submitted.

**Legislative-Emma Gaccione**

\*No report.

**Membership-** **Natasha Gamboa**

\* As a last push, we will be distributing half-sheet flyers to both students & teachers, reminding them it is not too late to join the PTA.

**Parliamentarian-Amy Foy**

\*No report submitted.

**Reflections- Joanne Rosel/Mary Wilson**

\*No report submitted.

**Room Parents-Katherine King**

\*No report submitted.

**Scholarship Fundraiser- Leslie Baker/April Kim**

*\** We have 391 students registered for the rock-a-thin (close to 200 for each session)

\*Max capacity has been set 250 per session

\*Raised over $13,000 so far

\*T-Shirts should be arriving this week, but wilt be distributed till next Tuesday

\*Due to overwhelming response, we are closing registration for the Rock-A-Thon on Tuesday (3/15) - one day earlier (we’re close to capacity)

\*Due to capacity, we will have NO WALK UP registration on the day of the event

\*We just sent our volunteer positions and we only have 4 slots left.

\*Special thanks to our Rock-A-Thon committee, Sally, Colleen, Irina and Gwen for their assistance throughout the entire process.

**School Store- Kelly Rapp**

\*No report submitted.

**Spirit Wear-Stacy Mcleod**

\* No report submitted.

**STEM Lab/Outdoor Classroom-Heather Prather**

\*STEM Activities & Supplies - This March we delivered a car full of STEM supplies for teachers to conduct STEM activities inside and outside the classroom. More supplies and activities will be coming in April and May.

\*Communicating "Doing STEM" – Parents can look for kids wearing “I did STEM” stickers home and ask them what exciting STEM activity they did that day.

\* Monarch Waystation  - We applied for a Monarch Waystation sign to post in our Monarch butterfly garden and expect to have the sign in about 3 months. The sign signals the important work that our children and volunteers have done building a butterfly garden (i.e., planting milkweed and nectar plants) last Fall and soon again in the Spring. These waystations are rest stops as the butterflies migrate from Mexico to the North laying the next generation of eggs. Many thanks again to Wyndham Garden Club for their partnership with the school.

\*Bird Lessons – Mrs. Bass from Wild Birds Unlimited will only be able to teach a few "bird" lessons, so some type of technology and/or method (e.g., video recording) will need to be devised to reach so many kids over a few sessions. After asking for input, teachers proposed a few options:

Option 1 - Watch a video-taped session (not sure if Mrs. Bass wants to videotape herself - she was excited to come to the school and meet the teachers and kids)

Option 2 - Watch Mrs. Bass on Promethean board if she broadcasted from the library (if not all teachers have Promethean boards, some classes will be left out unless they go to another class to watch; will need to reserve library; can do a hands-on activity in the class!)

Option 3 - Watch Mrs. Bass by going to the gym (entire grade or multiple grades can attend; will need to reserve space; will not be able to do hands-on activity, unless tables are set up, etc.)

      - We should decide on a method soon so that we can get on her schedule. This is a great opportunity for the kids to learn about the nature in their own backyards! :-)

\* Lego Mindstorm EV3 Robots – Leadership and teachers from third, fourth and fifth grade are discussing options for teaching so many kids robotics. We would like to find ways to transfer the knowledge of Mr. Tivare and Mrs. Maroney to another cohort of volunteers and teachers to reach more Cardinals. Stay tuned...

**Welcome Committee-Deana Collier**

\*No report submitted.

**Yearbook- Radha Joshi/Shannon Koshy/Ani Revilla**

\* Yearbook sales are strong with 581 books sold to date.  Online sales continue thru May 31.   The books will arrive the first week of June.

**Teacher Reps- Ms. Lynn/ Ms. Taylor**

\*No report submitted.

**Time ended: pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Stephanie Estey, Secretary**

**Next Meeting:**

**PTA Program**

**Rock A Thon**

**March 17, 2016**

**PTA Board Meeting**

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

**6:30pm**