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Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting

November 10, 2016

Fourth Meeting of 2016-2017 School Year

Present: Katherine King, Greg Bula, Natalie Nelson, Christine Price, April Kim, Sarah Fox, Brigitte Sicat, Kristin Clarke, Sally Raderer, Cheryl Bloor, Janet Sullivan, Emma Gaccione, Dr. Regina Schwab, Crissy Lynn, Debbie Taylor.

Absent: Amy Jessup, Gwen Jahangiri, Alexandra Bula, Shannon Hayes, Megan Gemmill, Irina Libon, Deb Vuturo, Kelly Bartlett, Jenny Conklin, Erin Reed, Joanne Rosel, Susan Parker, Leslie Baker, Lara MacDonald, Stacy McLeod, Radha Joshi, Shannon Koshy, Beth Clark, Kevin Dodson, Seja Hoareau, Kim Berselli, Ann Vaughan, Stacy McLeod, Holly Dougherty, Lisa Clarkson, Mary Wilson, Zak Young.

**Call to Order** (Time: 6:30 pm) – Katherine King

**Correspondence** - Natalie Nelson- none

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

A parent coffee was held for response interventions last week. Field trips for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades are happening this month. Report Card will be sent home on Nov. 22. Career Day coming up Nov. 19. Spelling Bee will also be this month.

**Treasurer’s Report- Greg Bula**

Income from After school enrichment was $11,500. The PTA also received a $1500 rebate check from last years returned yearbooks. Many companies have a corporate matching for donating to the PTA. Chrissy Price can help individuals figure out if their company participates. Carmax, Lincoln Financial, and CapitalOne participate in this program. We have reached approximately 90% of our budget with income.

**President’s Action Items/ Announcements-Katherine King**

The position statement against the road thoroughfare through Wyndham was sent to Henrico County. Last evening, Henrico County blocked the road extension!

Digging Donuts with Dads was a success.

Executive Committees

**1st VP Programs-Sally Raderer/Amy Jessup**

The October 20 Fun Run was a big success. We thank Michelle Reynolds for her partnership and leadership in promoting healthy activities for kids. We also thank our parent and staff volunteers, who are so essential to this event. We recognize and thank our sponsors, Good Run Research & Recreation (donated $200, to cover bibs and ribbons) and Wegman's (donated $200 toward food/water). Thanks also to The Richmond Roadrunners Club, who provided race support.

Our next big events are January's international night and February's STEAM Night. We are planning STEAM Night in conjunction with STEM Chair Susan Parker. We have a lot to look forward to!

**2nd VP Finance-Chrissy Price/Iryna Dolynuk**

Finance is working on advertising corporate matching donations, 2 spirit nights in November (Ashland Skateland & Panera) and the CD experience prizes. December spirit night: Skate Nation: wear your festive sweaters.

**Box Tops for Education- Sarah Fox -**

Another $499.20 was collected in box tops.

**3rd VP Volunteers- Alexandra Bula/Shannon Hayes**

**No report**

**4th VP Communications – Irina Libon/Megan Gemmill**

Three quick reminders for Publicity:

1.) The next Blast is scheduled to go out next Tuesday, November 15th. Reminder that all Blast content is due on Thursday, November 10th. So far I have only received two items: company reimbursement reminder and Boxtops. We have a Reflections reception on the calendar. Would the Reflections team like to publicize?

2) Reminder to please use the word **Publicity** in the email subject line along with the topic/area (e.g. Fun Run, Reflections, Spirit Night etc.)

3) Reminder to please include my email address ([islibon@yahoo.com](mailto:islibon@yahoo.com)) and Meghan's email address on ALL publicity requests ([meggemmill@comcast.net](mailto:meggemmill@comcast.net)). This allows us to coordinate in the most efficient manner to get your message out there.

**Lay Advisory- Kim Berselli/Ann Vaughn : No report**

**County Council/Legislative - Kevin Dodson/ Emma Gaccione**

The next County Council meeting is in January. For legislation 279 votes were submitted.

Standing Committees

**PTA Technology- Zak Young:**No report

**After School Enrichment - Deb Vuturo/Holly Dougherty/Lisa Clarkson**

ASE ended last Thursday. The new checking out system went well. The team feels that the role needs 4 parents rather than 3.

**Rock a Thon Fundraiser - Leslie Baker/April Kim -**  No report

**Cultural Arts - Janet Sullivan/Gwen Jahangiri**

Cultural Arts is in full swing! Last week Rivanna a returning favorite, amused and engaged our Kindergarteners with singing, dancing and audience participation!

Next Tuesday, Nov. 15, The Brain Show returns for their second visit to test our 4th and 5th graders knowledge with game show style participation.

Also next week the Richmond Symphony will be bringing a string quartet to perform for our 1st graders.

We hope the teachers and children our enjoying the CA programs and parents are receiving positive feedback at home.

**Hospitality - Kelly Bartlett/Brigitte Sicat**

The hospitality committee participated in Parent Teacher conferences by supplying the teachers with some snacks to get them through a very long day. Many of the teachers don’t have time to run out for a quick bite and some of their meetings continue until 7pm! We supplied them with fruit, cookies, trail mix and other treats to get them through a long day.

Wednesday, November 16th, hospitality will be hosting the Thanksgiving celebration for the teachers. This is our biggest event and we’d love to have the support and contribution from PTA board members. A sign up genius list will be going out soon.  Please consider helping us show our thanks to the teachers!

**Membership - Jenny Conklin: No report**

**Outdoor Classroom - Sejla Hoareau/Kristin Clarke**

Seventy people attended Digging Donuts with Dads and helped get many other the boxes ready for planting. Bird houses were also painted. A fairy garden was place in a Ms. Montellione’s classroom for having the largest participation.

**Reflection - Erin Reed/Joanne Rosel/Mary Wilson**

All 1st place winners for Reflections have been notified. Ribbons and certificates were printed and invitations to next week’s reception will be sent home tomorrow.

**Room Parent Coordinator - Cheryl Bloor -** no report

**School Store - Lara MacDonald:** No report

**Spirit Wear - Stacey McLeod:** No report

**STEM Program - Susan Parker:** No report

Ms. Taylor reported that Ms. Kornblau did place value manipulatives. Ms. Joy Siegel’s class will be growing tadpoles this year. 5th grade used the lab for a rocks and minerals lab.

**Yearbook - Radha Joshi/Shannon Koshy/Britta Quick:** No report

**After School Clubs - Beth Clark:** No report

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

Book Fair next week.

Meeting ended: 6:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Nelson, Secretary

Next Meeting:

PTA Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8 , 2016

6:00 pm

Fifth Meeting of the 2016-2017 school year