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General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016 6:30-7:30

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with 21 members present.
2. Special Guest Speakers: Mrs. Susie Martin, UC Counselor and Dr. Josh Colvin, Director of Student Services
 - a. In light of a recent attempted abduction in a Union Chapel neighborhood, Mrs. Martin and Dr. Colvin attended the meeting to lead a discussion about a) how to discuss stranger danger with your kids and b) how to help our kids process the recent attempt.
 - b. A "Going to and From School More Safely" handout was provided from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; see www.missingkids.com for more child safety information.
3. Introductions/Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - a. Introductions were made by the PTA Board and the General Membership.
 - b. Reading and approval of the November 10th meeting minutes; motion was made by Amber Smith and the motion was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Reports of Officers
 - a. Principal's Report – Dr. Archer
 - i. Thank you to UC families for the much appreciated donations to faculty/staff of Thanksgiving pies and a December sweets bar.
 - ii. Reminder: STUCO hat/glove drive for the district clothing center (week of 1/11).
 - iii. 1/14 Early Release Day at 1:30 (January's professional development day will focus on writing instruction).
 - iv. 1/18 MLK Day – no school
 - b. President's Report – Kyla Yamada
 - i. The PTA School of Excellence process is underway and a gameplan will be announced soon.
 - ii. January GatorAid coming week of 1/11.
 - iii. 1/22 PTA Family Movie Night at UC (movie will be Finding Nemo)
 - iv. Mark your calendars for the PTA Family Dance and Silent Auction on 4/15.
 - c. Treasurer's Report – Jen Patel
 - i. Review of monthly treasurer's report (see handout).
 - d. Vice-President's Report – Amy Schneider
 - i. Thank you to UC families for the donation of 91 Thanksgiving pies (we were able to offer pies to bus drivers as well).

- e. Finance Coordinator's Report – Allyson Berberich
 - i. Reminder: yearbook sales will take place through early March; 5th graders get your kindergarten pictures to Rebecca Lewis asap.
 - f. Program Coordinators' Report – Jodie Gerken and Shannon Lakes
 - i. 1/22: free family movie night (bring your sleeping bags); snacks provided.
 - ii. Reflections (Erin O'Dell): 10 UC winners were submitted to the state level for judging on 12/10; results TBA.
 - iii. Box Tops (Chris Bima):
 - 1. Individual contest runs through end of January.
 - 2. Classroom contest runs through early March.
 - iv. Healthy Lifestyles: Caroline Heckman reported good classroom participation with challenges in November for Healthy Lifestyles month; feedback appreciated. February will feature a No Soda challenge as well as a drawing for participation prizes.
 - v. Cultural Arts Programs (Amber Smith): 2/25 Cultural Kaleidoscope/Ukraine Program
 - g. Volunteers Coordinators' Report – Lynsey Curtis and Elizabeth Swanson
 - i. Friendship party volunteer email coming soon; snack will be another snack mix due to positive feedback from the winter party.
 - ii. Planning for the Family Dance/Silent Auction is underway – ideas and assistance re: solicited donations greatly appreciated; Jason Parman to DJ the dance.
 - h. Secretary's Report – Jaime Pruitt
5. Old Business
- a. Classroom parties (see Volunteer Coordinators' report above).
6. New Business
- a. Movie night 1/22 (see Program Coordinators' report above).
 - b. Box Tops (see Program Coordinators' report above).
 - c. Nominating Committee:
 - i. Nominating Committee determines the slated PTA Board positions prior to the elections taking place at the March meeting. Given 2 year term limits for officers, we will have several openings.
 - ii. Committee: Mrs. Becker, Amber Smith and Jaime Pruitt
7. Other Business
8. Calendar of Events
- a. Thursday, 1/14: early release for students at 1:30 p.m.
 - b. Monday, 1/18: MLK Day/NO SCHOOL
 - c. Friday, 1/22: PTA Family Movie Night - doors open at 6; movie starts at 6:30 p.m.
 - d. Wednesday, 2/3: Donuts with Dads at 7:45 a.m.
 - e. Friday, 2/5: FroYo First Friday at Yogurtini in Zona Rosa (4-8 p.m.)
 - f. Tuesday, 2/9: PTA General Membership Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (childcare provided)
9. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.