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***General Membership Meeting
September 9, 2014 6:30-7:30pm***

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with 25 members present.

- Introductions

- Special Presentation- Kyla Yamada introduced a new aspect this year to add a quick presentation of an important topic at each PTA Membership meeting. The following two topics were presented:

1. 40th Anniversary Celebration Overview- Alice Trager, UC Staff, provided an update on the 40th Anniversary activities.
 - a. Official kick-off assembly was held in August where a time capsule from 2001 was opened with artifacts from that era. The artifacts are on display in the cabinets near the art room through the end of October.
 - b. A Legacy Garden commemorative bricks is also being built. Bricks will be on sale through January.
 - c. Monthly activities to highlighting the history of Union Chapel will also occur.
 - d. End of year 40th Anniversary Celebration will occur on May 8th. The new time capsule will be buried at that celebration and will include contents selected by the students to represent life in 2015.
2. UC Missouri Assessment Program Test Results - Dr. Archer presented information about the 2013-2014 school year MAP scores achieved by Union Chapel.
 - a. 2013-14 school year results were shared.
 - b. 70 points are possible for an elementary school. Union Chapel received all points for last year's assessment.
 - c. Department of Elementary & Secondary Education released information that test scores decreased overall for State of Missouri.
 - d. Union Chapel scored 2nd for communication arts in the district
 - e. Union Chapel scored 1st for math in the district
 - f. Union Chapel scored 3rd for science in the district
 - g. When benchmarked with other schools in the state of Missouri with similar demographics and size; Union Chapel showed

improvements in 2014 over past years and rankings near the top or the top as compared to our peer schools.

- Reading and Approval of the August 13 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Allyson Berberich and the motion was seconded. The minutes were approved.

II. Reports of Officers

- Principal's Report- Dr. Archer
 - Parent orientations are complete and survey results were positive. September 10th is mid-term therefore reports will be sent home next week.
- President's Report- Kyla Yamada
 - Background checks are required for any volunteers having interaction with students (Watch Dogs). Background checks are valid for three years.
 - Kyla reported that the *Gator Aid* newsletter will come out each month, which will highlight PTA activities.
- Treasurer's Report- Allyson Berberich
 - Allyson Berberich provided an overview of the latest financial report
 - Allyson noted that those interested in ordering a Union Chapel wordle shirt should contact Allyson or Dana Dunaway
 - Renee Kelly made motion to approve the financial report and the motion was seconded and approved.
- Vice President's Report- Amy Schneider
No report
- Finance Coordinator's Report- Rob Ervin
No report
- Program Coordinator's Report- Shannon Burns
 - The theme of the PTA Reflections Program, is *the world would be a better place if...* and deadline is October 24, 2014
 - Chinese Acrobats will perform at a school assembly on September 29th
 - November 10th the KC Zoo will be present at an assembly
 - All committee leaders are now filled
- Volunteers Coordinators' Report- Lyndsey Curtis/Elizabeth Swanson
No report
- Secretaries' Report- Lynn Parman/Dana Worley
No report

III. Old Business

- Committee Updates
 - Membership/Fundraiser
Kirsten Berry provided a membership report that there are 192 family members, 38 teacher/staff members and 10 business memberships. All memberships and contributions raised a total of \$11,340. This will be the only fundraiser this year.
 - Box tops for Education
A goal of \$1,500 has been set for the box tops. A contest will be conducted between classrooms that the winning class will have an extra recess with popsicles. \$250 has already been raised this year.
 - Spirit Wear – Proceeds from Spirit Wear at Back to School Night was \$203 and the proceeds total to date is \$430.

IV. New Business

- Fall Fun Fest
The Fall Fun Fest is scheduled for October 10th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Food will be available and various activities for families. A Google document will be sent to ask for donations and volunteers to all UC Families.
- Mercury Open Gym nights
Mercury Open Gym nights will be held December 12, Jan 30 and March 27

V. Other Business

- Allyson Berberich asked if anyone has a connection with a bank, credit card or gift card company.
- Kyla thanked everyone for attending the PTA meeting.

VI. Calendar of Events (handout)

- Monday, Sept 29-Cultural Arts Assembly- Chinese Acrobats-1pm & 2pm- gym
- Friday, Oct 10- Fall Fun Fest- 5:30-7:30pm- gym, bus circle, etc
- Tuesday, Oct 14- PTA- Membership Meeting- 6:30-7:30pm- media center
- Thursday, Oct 16- School Pictures Day
- Friday, Oct 24-Fall Parties in classrooms-2pm
- Thursday, 29 & Friday, 30--Parent/Teacher Conferences

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.