

Walnut Avenue School PTA Meeting

September 29, 2020

1. **Call to Order** – (President calls meeting to order) 7:00 pm
2. **Roll Call:** (Recording Secretary checks sign-in sheet and makes sure there is a quorum)
3. **Approval of Minutes: (Recording Secretary- Carolyn Montana)** This a new school year, nothing to report today!
4. **Treasurer’s Report: (Michael Davitt)**
 - **Approval of 2020-2021 Budget (see separate attachment)**
5. **Vice President of Membership (Katherine Manago)**
 - PTA Membership: Current Membership Enrollment
 - Membership Goal for 2020-2021
 - Pre-membership swag going home soon to all students!
 - Open donation – can have company match donation through Benevity Causes or we can fill out other documents
6. **Vice Presidents of Fundraising (Kimberly Murphy & Karyn Bradley)**
 - **Square 1 Art** (both in-school and virtual participating)
 - **Holiday Boutique** (possibly looking into virtual store)
7. **Corresponding Secretary (Jennifer Pineiro)**
 - **Lottery Drawing of Class Parents/Grade Parents**
 - Class/Grade parent info session 10/5 at 7:00pm – link for Zoom emailed
 - No Class Donations this year- PTA will fund celebrations for staff on major events.
 - Class/Grade parent will reach out soon to collect information and to organize the families!
 - We do have Virtual Class Parents this year to help everyone stay connected and in the loop!
5. **Special/Standing Committees**
 - **School Pictures (October 6)** – Melissa Breslin
 - **Yearbook Committee** – Keep posting pictures to TreeRing App! Preschool-1st graders can order yearbooks early and save 10% by September 30! 2nd graders will get yearbooks gifted by the PTA!
 - **BoxTops** – goal is \$1000 with a special surprise from Principal McNally if we meet our goal! Make sure you download the new app and start scanning!
 - **Walk to School/Crossing Guard Appreciation Day (Wednesday, Oct 7)** – volunteers to “chalk the walk”
 - **WAS Halloween Drive-In Movie Event – Oct 20 & 21**
 - Movie will start at 7pm
 - More info and concession link will be sent to all attendees
 - Non-candy goodie bag from PTA
 - Decorate your car and dress up!
10. **President’s Report (Andrea Yurcisin)**
 - We are still giving back to the school and our students through our amazing Step It Up! Fundraiser last year!
 - End of the year purchased new tablets for the students
 - Replaced old tables in Art/Spanish room with new age-appropriate, accessible & colorful tables
 - Purchased new pennants & pins as part of new “graduation” gifts to Kindergarten and 2nd graders
 - Purchased BrainPop program for all of teachers to use this year
 - Purchased swag gift for all students – being sent home soon
 - Looking to get Dan Gutman for our 2nd graders – virtual assembly
 - Looking into other virtual assemblies for Preschool – 1st! Will include virtual students as well!

****NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE COMING SOON!**

9. Principals’ Report (Ms. Celine McNally)– Preview of Back to School Night

Next PTA Meeting: Stay tuned for a date in November with hopefully a guest speaker! (if you or someone you know has a topic of interest and would like to present virtually – please let us know!

Proposed PTA Budget for Walnut Ave School 2020-2021

Net Cash (as of 9/1/20)	\$26,484.90
<u>REVENUE:</u>	
Local Membership Revenue	\$2,720.00
Fundraising	\$23,996.90
Total Revenue	\$26,716.90
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Administrative	\$1,944.00
PTA	\$2,400.00
WAS Events	\$32850.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$37,194.00

Some of our biggest fundraisers are:

- Step it Up!
- Holiday Boutique
- Cougar Dash
- Variety Show
- Book Fairs
- Square 1 Art

The majority of the funds raised go right back to the school for items such as:

- Class Trips
- Assembly Programs
- Teacher Enrichment Funds
- 2nd Grade T-Shirts & Yearbooks
- End of the Year Programs
- School Enhancements

Additional funds to be applied to special programs