



AGS PTO Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2016

In Attendance: Fatiana Stobaugh, Melissa Dempsey, Kevin Preas, Andy Mareska, Perry Devaney, Mary Anne Callahan, Sue Minnec, Tim McDermott, Paula Lindeman, Alison Bielski, Jill Harmon, Becky Paulin

Absent: Cheryl Curry, Kristin Green

Guests: Jackie Loftis, Kathy Evangelista, Heather Kwitschau

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

President, Fatiana Stobaugh

Read a statement about making a complaint. Please see below.

We as the PTO has spoken with the school administration, alderman, city staff and the police department to express our concern with the complaints happening at pick up and drop off on the public streets of AGS. It has been advised that city will increase presence to ensure that the rules of the road are being followed at once the cars leave the parking lot, they are off school property. If you are noticing reckless driving please gather as much details as you can about the vehicle and contact the police department directly. If this off school property. That being said if there are items regarding how to ease the burden for drop off/pick up let's address those at this time.

Guests, Heather Kwitschau and Kathy Evangelista

- Came to address concerns regarding drop off and pick up. There was some discussion regarding who should be in the crosswalks and acting as guards and at what time. Tim responded that help should be out there by 8:45.
- Heather suggested that the school "blasts" people with education and the proper way to do drop off and pick up.
- Tim also suggested that we put together a video. Kevin suggested that some scouts to make the movie for their movie making badge. Time also suggested that we out out more signage.
- Complaints are that children may be late because the diamond lane is so backed up.
- Perhaps we could have a right turn only to help with the back up.
- We will have to work with the city as well as Mark Anderson who is on Buildings and Grounds for BPS 101.
- Parents are welcome to volunteer to get the traffic flowing more smoothly.

- Kevin suggested that PTO spend some money to get safety vests and signs for the volunteers.
- Volunteers could help out in the spaces where cars are just parked. Staff is getting yelled at.
- They have had a “traffic cop” policing and taking down license plates and reporting them to the city police.
- Tim summarized that volunteers will be recruited to help with traffic at both times of the day. And that communication will be sent out to families again.
- Further logistical conversations were had.
- There can be a PTO liaison to communicate with Tim. Kevin Preas said he would be that liaison. Time will work with Mark Anderson regarding the signage and the flow of traffic on Carlisle.
- Put something on the app that has an icon on how to drop off and pick up.
- Heather would like to put together a letter to parents regarding putting together a committee. Hoping to put something together for after Winter Break.

Secretary, Perry Devaney

- Minutes were approved from the November Board meeting.

Treasurer, Andy Mareska

- Pictures were on par from previous year.
- Gift cards and Dine Arounds going well.

1st VP, Melissa Dempsey

- Melissa, Mary Anne, Fatiana went to Bar Evolution for the Post Bic meeting. Some of the other schools have two people on Ways and Means. One focuses and major events and someone else taking care of the continuous small fundraisers (Box Tops, Dine Around, etc.. Any money that comes in comes through her. Her term is up this year. Its not specified that well in the ByLaws.

2nd VP, Kevin Preas

- Nothing to report.

Communications, Becky Paulin

- Becky want the app to be paid for. Andy said that a PayPal account would be the best way to go. Yearly recurring payments are for domain name, PTO website and the app.
- Domain name allows Paypal, website is by credit card.
- Mary Anne asked if we could set up a debit card. Fill the account on an as need basis.
- Yearbook, she needs baby pictures of the 5th graders. 177 books have been pre order. 290 in 2015, 320 in 2016. Late orders can be shipped to their homes. They are set to be delivered on May 8th.

- Sue mentioned that people are complaining about how they didn't like the pictures this year. Becky and Tim met with the company last week. They had a lot of in house issues that they needed to resolve. They are going to do a better job next year.

Classroom Support, Sue Minnec

- Would like to Zanies again. Looks like February would be a good night for a parent night fundraiser.

Ways & Means, Mary Anne Callahan

- Kevin wondered if Jackie had anything extra for Fun Fair
- BWW brought in about \$175.
- Nancy's Dine Around this week. Raimondo's next month.
- Movie night was low attendance. There was some conflicting activities. Jackie suggested that we have a different event on a Friday for kids where there is more running around, like bouncy houses. Or have some done by grade.
- Book fair went very well. Grossed over \$10,600 (\$400 more than last year). We can get 50% scholastic dollars (\$4921.76). Or in cash (\$2460.88). we need to ask Mrs. Ashby what her preference is based on her needs.
- Thinking about having a shortened two day fair in the spring. We can get more from Scholastic if we do two fairs. There would be no presale or kids coming in through the day.
- The suggestion is that Mary Anne close it out and the PTO keeps the cash. Thus the line item remains the same for LRC.

Fun Fair, Jackie Loftis

- Poster contest flyer can go home after Winter Break. How many do we pick. What do the winners get? One per grade level wins. Free raffle ticket to the kids or free entry?
- Jackie is going to send home order forms on January 27th and due back on the week of February 14th. Ally suggested we do it earlier for the EC morning students.
- We can accept credit cards. For the pre orders.
- Who does she talk to about the swipecards? Andy. He can add line items so we can categorize purchase (for our final report).
- Jackie needs to know how to do it. Volunteer Sign Up Genius. Then she can send it to Becky.
- Coach Piron, Band and Art Students will be volunteering to help during the fair.
- Jackie would like access to the walkie-talkies. Bullhorns available as well.
- Jackie plans to come to the February meeting.

Teacher Reps, Jill Harmon

- Looks like we can do a McTeacher Night in March.

EC Rep, Ally Bielski

- The ECC board has come in and it will be hung over break. Ally wants to make sure that its hung properly so the kids wont run into it.
- Art Fundraiser, aka Artsonia, can EC be added to it. Laura Starzac is in charge of this.

Other

- Do we want to budget for vests, etc.
- Jackie has some they she will donate them.
- Andy made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Mary Anne.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12.