



AGS PTO Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

In Attendance: Fatiana Stobaugh, Melissa Dempsey, Kevin Preas, Sue Minnec, Maryanne Callahan, Ed Izenstark, Jackie Loftis, Kristin Green, Karen Nellis, Dan & Mary Johnston, Any Mareska

Absent: Tim McDermott, Cheryl Curry, Allison Bielski

Guests: Shannon Hemmes, Heather Kwitschau

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Shannon Hemmes spent a few moments thanking the AGS PTO for sponsoring a budget for the Book Room. She gave a quick presentation on what the Book Room looked like & what the Book Room looks like now. Some of the books in the Book Room are nearing 20 years old & have shown the age. The content within the current books is much more sophisticated & are a huge improvement. The children & teachers are very happy with the improvements. The Book Room is coming along nicely & thanked the AGS PTO for finding volunteers to help get it ready.

President, Fatiana Stobaugh –

Pie in the Face / Batavia Block Party: participants helped to raise \$65 – thank you to Andy Mareksa, Kevin Preas & Mr. S

Movie License Renewal: not a budgeted item – up for renewal end of October. Discussion will be had at the BIC meeting by Kevin Preas to see if other PTOs want to split the fee.

BIC Meetings: looking for one or two Board of Directors to attend & report back on meeting – the meetings are held four times a year.

Secretary, Sue Minnec – minutes from the August meeting were Motion for Approval by Tim Smith, Second by Andy Mareska, all in favor.

Treasurer, Tim Smith – Budget was approved at the August meeting.

Sponsorship dollars: will listed as a line item where all funds will be deposited, not listed in each event.

Special Appropriations: if there is something that the teachers feel really strongly about it will be need to be presented to the board for review & approval.

Resale – Heather Kwitschau

Less than 2 weeks from resale. A bit down based on previous years. We are 2 weeks later and competing with Bugaboo & Western Avenue. There could be a last minute influx depending on sellers who have items listed at other sites. There are 47 sellers registered at this point in time. The Resale Committee is looking to a new vendor that will put out a bin & pick up for any leftovers for that don't want to be returned. The new vendor will pay a minimum amount & money per pound. This will be updated once the Resale Committee decides & approves. It will be an extra revenue stream. Heather did mention there was still a need for volunteers. Next year there will be a search for a new committee chair. Cashiers needed from PTO on Saturday from 8-11am.

1st VP, Melissa Dempsey – Bulldogs Unleashed: the Bulldogs are coming back. The cost is \$3,000 to the AGS PTO with input to the artist & keep it on site. Discussion will continue on this to see if this is something we fund moving forward.

School Toolbox: all went well with the school supplies ordered this year. Contract for the next school year has been signed.

Bylaw Revision: to be presented for vote at the General Meeting in September.

Replacement of Benches: The idea was presented in conjunction with the Student Council to collaborate on replacing the benches by the flagpole. There is a company by the name of Green Plastics (www.greenplastics.com) which makes recycled benches from bottle caps, plastic lids and the like. The idea was presented to the Student Council Coordinator (Mrs. Ashby), who approved it immediately. The Student Council will providing marketing & collection of the items needed to produce these benches. This will also be pushed out to the community to get more involved in the green movement of this idea. The cost to the PTO is approximately \$500 which would purchase two benches upon the necessary amount collected. The Motion was presented for two benches to be procured not to exceed \$500 either this year or next year. First was Tim Smith; Second – Mary Anne Callahan; all in favor.

2nd VP, Kevin Preas – September 25th is the General Meeting – Cathy Dremel from the Batavia Board of Education is the speaker. She is going to give an overview of the current state of the district.

Director of Communication, Maryanne Callahan – Posting Guidelines: must be emailed to Maryanne (see attached Communication Procedures); A to Z is live & verification emails have been sent to the parents.

Director of Classroom Support, Ed Izenstark – Classroom Support September Update. Volunteer Section of A to Z was requested & approved for access to be granted. At the BIC Meeting it will be brought up by Kevin to see if other PTOs support the Batavia Park District Enrichment Program. The Ice Cream Social went well – more options to reduce the line next year. Picture Day went well with HR Images. Room Parents will be meeting on 9/20 at 6:30pm at the LRC. Discussions are being started about Staff Appreciation Week, more to follow.

Ways & Means, Jackie Loftis – Hurricane Fund: donation bucket will be put out at the Gator Gallop & the donations will be given specifically to a school related fund

Gator Gallop: all is going well; forms are out & due back soon. Tshirts & raffle tickets will be delivered in the classroom. Snacks for sale & raffles will be drawn after the walk.

Dine Arouds: \$350 from Pal Joeys & \$277 from Portillos. Chipotle is on 10/10. McTeacher Night will be scheduled. Zanie's Night will be put together as well.

Fall Fest: October 28th from 10am-2pm at AGS. There will be inflatables, an obstacle course, autumn inspired foods & games.

Teacher Rep, Kristen Green

Thank you for the bulletin boards from the staff.

Confirmed that the Assembly Budget for the year per is \$3,300 as per the approved budget.

EC Rep, Karen Nellis: no report

EC Reps, Dan & Mary Johnston: no report

Vice Principal: no report

Principal: no report

Round Table Discussion: Andy mentioned that new parents need to be better informed – a detailed “what is” that the PTO does. Maryanne added she is working on a Welcome Packet that will have a description of “what is”. This will be posted via communication tools to help all be more informed.

Adjournment at 8:20pm, motion made; 1st – Melissa, 2nd – Kevin