

Esperanza Middle School PTO

General Meeting

6pm Tuesday January 17th 2017

EMS Media Center

* **Meeting called to order** by president Virginia Richardson at 6:05pm
* **Attendance** -10 members
* **Approval Of GM Minutes** – Motion made to dispense with reading Tuesday 14th September 2016 minutes as had been emailed out. Approved.
* **Board Members Update**
* **Old Business**

1. **Spirit Nights:** Chick-fil-A - $403, Sweet Frog/Pot Belly combo - $68.50 & $163.50. Traffic incidents both nights affected attendance.
2. **School Dance:** October 28th Fall Dance (ELA). Thank you to volunteers.
3. **Committees Established:** Lost & Found – Linda Ferm, Spirit Nights – Paula Ross, Staff Appreciation Meals – Nancy Bobrowski
4. **Appreciation Days & Weeks:** Bus Driver Appreciation Week (Oct). Staff Appreciation meals to be held on early dismissal days to allow staff to eat together and relax.
5. **Student representatives & Involvement:** Gracelyn Casas present at meeting.
6. **CASH Training:** Now online.

* **New Business**

1. **Current Treasurer’s Report:** Tina Miller. Current balance $1661.99

Upcoming expenses: Non Profit Status (one time fee) $750. Insurance & PTO Today Membership $700

Upcoming Income: PTO March Dance, 2 spirit nights, Shoebox Recycling

1. **Board Members for 2017/18:** Possible nominees include: Paula Ross, Kristal Willis, Ann Buckler.

Ann Buckler to step in as Vice President for remainder of 2016-17 year. Unanimously voted in.

1. **Spirit Nights:** Chipotle 5-9pm February 13th, Brusters April 5th
2. **School Dances:** 
   1. Jan 20th Social Studies 2:30-4pm
   2. Feb 17th Math 2:30-4pm
   3. March 24th PTO Dance 6:30-8pm
   4. No dances April-Jun aside from 8th grade dance.
3. **PTO Dance: March 24th 6:30-8pm.** Volunteers needed for games and chaperoning. Theme to be voted on by students; either Sock Hop or Comic-Con. Gracelyn explained students’ ideas for themes. Dance committee to be formed.

**6. Appreciation Weeks & Days:**

* 1. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 1st-5th
  2. Next Staff Appreciation Lunch: February 7th. Sign up link to go out on Facebook, website and via email.

**7. Representatives & Involvement:**

a. Current Representatives: Gracelyn Casas, Samantha Abell, Ellie Geiger, Isabella Dever, Tyler Arends

b. Name the Pirate Contest: Voting by students, managed by PBIS, going on now. Results should be out soon.

c. 2017-18 Agenda cover artwork contest. In progress via art teacher, Ms Read. Winner to receive an agenda, t-shirt and $50 cash.

**8. Special Events:**

a. 8th Grade Staff –Student Annual Basketball Game. Date to be set.

b. Special Event Assembly (and fundraiser) More details to follow

c. Tie Dye Fundraiser. Probably in April. $10 per t-shirt (making a profit of $5 a t-shirt)

**9. Non Profit Status:** Should be in place by end of school year.

**10. Door Prize Drawing:** $15 gift card to Linda Ferm

* **Meeting adjourned** at 7:06pm. (Next PTO General Meeting in April 2017 TBD)
* **Minutes compiled by** Tracy Clinning-Noel, PTO secretary