

# Minutes for General Mtg. 11/19

*Present : Board members- Darnell, Tanya, Ayanna, Tamiko*

*Members- Jessica Soto, Jessica Risoldi, Johnathan Moreno, Nancy Ramirez, Justine Miller, Dawn Voll, Sonia Lambert*

Meeting called to order 6:35

**Comments on the dances-** Justine mentioned she got a couple of calls from parents dissatisfied with the dance. They mentioned their kids paid and did not get food or bracelet as MGE mentioned in the flyer. ( there was discrepancy in the flyers being put out. One flyer said food and it was taken off the site because it was not approved. The second flyer did not promise food but it did say a glow bracelet.) Parents did mention previous years food was given to the students/ pizza and drink. No parents that complained were at the meeting to voice their grievances.

Darnell mentioned comment and donation boxes will be put in both Helen Fort and Newcomb. He also mentioned that in order to correct the issues we encountered at the dance (music malfunctions, bracelets) all students who brought a ticket for these dances will be given a free ticket to the next dance held. He was already discussed with the principals. HF- 179 tickets,

Justine indicated the problem with the black lights was that they could not be mounted . We all agree the equipment for any dances going forward will be tested prior to the event.

Some of parents present thought the students had a good time in spite of the problems encountered. It is good to give them an event of their own to do sometimes.

Ayanna presented the budget; we took in \$3397.99 and expenses totalled 1448.19. An abbreviated budget sheet will posted on the weblink for PTO information.

## **Business concerns-**

**Pretzel sales/** no flyers where distributed for this month. There is a problem with getting the flyers back from the H.S. They flyer was sent over to print and it does not come back in time. So pretzel sale for this month could not be done. Students did not receive the flyers to take home. Darnell will ask about what is the hold up with the flyers coming back. We need to make sure it is given to the correct person and in a timely manner. We should also see if we can submit jobs for more than one or two months because then they will be ready by that month.

**Book fair** - Principals have agreed let the book fairs go on in the Spring 2020. We are thinking about the next round of parent teacher conferences , Fewb. 11-14 or in March 2020. We need to have a good time for parents to come and shop.

**Stockings for soldiers** - update/ Jessica Soto has the plans all drawn out. She says we only need to get donations for milk, eggnog and cookies. Dawn suggests we entertain getting donations from parents for these things. Many mom and grandmoms and fathers are baking around this time; they may want to contribute. Jessica has received numerous donations from independent companies willing to support the event. She even has a person willing to sponsor the cost of shipping to the soldiers. American Red Cross is also donating some items .

She has a photobooth to setup. After the family has made the stocking they will go take a picture at the photo booth with the stocking they are sending to the soldiers.

The flyers are draw up and going out soon. We will need a permission slip to out for the students who will be helping out after school with setup. Signup genius is set up for volunteers; we need a least one for every station.

**Staff Dinner- Parent Teacher Conference/** On 11/21 the PTO will be hosting a light dinner for the teacher before their conferences. We will need volunteers for set up at both schools. The dinner will be from 3 to 5pm.

**Candy gram problem and solution** - Candy can not be sold during school hours. It can be sold before and afterschool hours. Solution is that we can sell afterschool. The candy canes can be delivered during school. The selling dates are now on 12/3 to 12/16. Distribution will be on the 19th.

Jessica Soto will be considered for a parent liaison.

***Next mtg. DEC 10 at the Helen Fort library***