
September General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2018

6 pm in ELES Gymnasium

Call to Order at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & President's Report - Michele Sherrod

- Approval of General Membership Minutes from May 2018 meeting by general consent
- Lisa Burton - Membership chair - Goal is 100% membership for 6th year in a row (One parent to One child ratio)
- PTOOffice is the our new directory and can be accessed via links on Facebook and www.elespta.com. Email will be sent tomorrow with the link to join or add another parent membership!
- [Echo Lake Elementary PTA - Home | Facebook](#) – get connected to this – It is spot on and up to date every day!
- www.elespta.com is your one stop source for all things Echo Lake!
- Weekly Newsletter is sent to all PTA members, and once a month to entire school
- Exceptional Ed Liaison - Jamie Liban - Everyone has a voice and she is here to help. Contact her with any questions. Flyer will be sent home with information soon.

Treasurer's Report - Stephanie Williams

- Audit Report - Sara Gulosh
 - Continue to have 4-5 people on the audit committee to keep efficient
 - Suggestion to treasurer to not add deposit to electronic register until deposit has occurred
 - We need to be more efficient on turning in cash and receipts to events. We need to protect ourselves from fraud and theft vulnerability
 - All current treasurer documentation and audit reports are 100% backed up on Google Drive account
 - Motion made by Amanda Ayers to approve the audit, second Beth Assessor
 - Will be presented at General Meeting September 20
 - Treasurer's Report - Stephanie Williams
 - Budgets posted in the gym and on website www.elespta.com
 - **Annual Report for 2017-18:**
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- Beginning balance: **\$3,967.25**
- Total Income: **\$32,066.81**, Total Expenses: **\$33,298.06**, Final Balance: **\$2,736.00**
- Overall, the PTA gave more than \$16,000 last year to the school for: programs, online digital resources, books for a school-wide reading incentive, the STEM lab, teacher grants and hospitality, the school garden and the kindergarten magazine.
- Proposed 2018-19 Budget accepted by General Consent
- **Treasurer's Report:** July 1-Sept. 19
- Our new fiscal year began on July 1st with a beginning balance of **\$2,736**.
- From July 1-Sept. 19, our income was **\$4,928.63**. This includes: PTA memberships, Dolphin Fund donations, Community Partner donations from Amazon Smile and spirit wear sales.
- From July 1-Sept. 19, we have spent **\$2,261.58** on liability insurance, office supplies, PayPal and Stripe service fees, spiritwear expense, 4th grade social study newspapers and treasurer's software, for an ending balance of **\$5,403.05**.
- **Proposed Budget for 2018-19:**
- This year's budget is similar to last year's. Our regular expenses include school programs and events like the Boo Hoo Breakfast that some of you may have attended a few weeks ago, Pumpkin Palooza, a popular October event, teacher hospitality and teacher grants. We also have annual operating expenses such as our liability insurance, the PTA website and online directory, plus membership dues paid to the state and county PTAs.
- Our regular income comes from membership, Dolphin Fund donations and fundraisers such as Spirit Nights, our annual Heart to Heart Breakfast, Bingo Night and new this year, silent auction.
- This year, we have a few new Expense category: 4th Grade social studies newspapers
- Our estimated income and expenses for 2018-19 is **\$35,072**.
- Budget for 2018-19 approved by General Consent

Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Kelly Knudsen
 - Donate to the Dolphin Fund (because none of us need another thing to sell or buy with door to door sales). These are the how we as a PTA provide the programs and extras for ELES. Our community partners are another place to impact us positively – use amazon smile as we receive a % of each purchase, Kroger rewards is back... as is SHOPAROO.
 - Goal to raise \$6000 this year to benefit our students and staff
 - Community Partners - Kroger, Shoparoo, Amazon Smile
 - Silent Auction and Bingo Night - November 16
 - Still looking for donations - contact fundraising@elespta.com if you can help
 - Spiritwear still available - order through 9/21

- October 3 - Book Fair with Family Picnic Night - bring your own or pre-order pizza from Papa John's. Ice cream vendor also here
- Spirit Nights - Zaxby's, Chipotle, Corner Bakery, Flying Squirrels, Papa John's

Principal's Report - Mrs. Foust

- School Theme this year - "Learning is an Adventure"
- Thank you to our PTA, families, and staff
- 2018 Board of Excellence Award
- SOL scores presented, all above 92%
- Absenteeism is under 1%, county goal is under 10%
- ActiveRVA certified school - thank you weekend warriors
- Join PTA and volunteer
- ELES donates quite often to the Big Blue Bus
- Introductions of our staff

New Business

- WatchDog Dad's and Kids' Pizza Night is THIS coming Monday September 24 6-7pm in the cafeteria
- Volunteer Training: Thursday September 27th - 6:30pm in the ELES Library
- Yearbook is on sale - 15% discount until 9/30 - link also on www.elespta.com - we use Tree Ring and they have a great app that allows you to upload photos from your phone directly to the site and then you are ready to have your photos for custom pages. If you want your kid to be in the yearbook - we NEED YOUR PHOTOS!
- A save the date came home today about PumpkinPalooza which is Friday Oct. 26th at 5:30pm - the volunteer link is live and ready for YOU!

Next Meeting: November 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sara Gulosh, Secretary