

Galatas PTO General Meeting October 08, 2019

A Galatas PTO General Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 08, 2019 in the Science Lab at Galatas Elementary School. A quorum of voting members was present.

Attendees: Denae Wilker, Shauna Tysor, Sabre Gaffikin, Laura Sahni, Lisa Galassini, Jessica Buono, Emily Holtgrieve, Minghui Yu, Christina Benavidis, Nicole Neumann, Rajashree Gathoo, Judy Michelson, Laura Waldron, Katie Leicht, Emily Frazier, Bethany Straub, Becky Barton, Michelle Nolen, Kathleen Goss, and Candace Mathis.

Shauna Tysor called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM in the Science Lab.

Shauna Tysor motioned to approve the September 2019 minutes. Becky Barton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

President's Report

- Shauna thanked everyone for being at the meeting and asked Mrs. Wilker to play a video from Conroe ISD with information regarding the Bond. At the conclusion of the video Shauna reminded everyone November 5th is Election Day and early voting begins October 21st.
- Block Walk Party to distribute Bond Information Oct. 23 from 3:30- 5
- Shauna gave reminders about upcoming events and handouts of upcoming events were available to all in attendance.

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Wilker thanked the PTO for the staff lunch.
- Mrs. Wilker gave reminders of upcoming events and thanked all the volunteers for helping with all the events.
- Mrs. Wilker informed us the PE iPad report will be ready for the November meeting, Skate Weeks started and she was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Monthly Report
 - \$74,307.84 in PTO Bank Account

Committee Reports

- Membership- Rajashree Gathoo gave updates on Membership Drive and Student Directories. 350 families have joined PTO. 100% staff are members. Directories were \$1 less per directory than last year. 25% of the directory budget was saved by this decreased cost.
- Yearbook- Janet Kwon was unable to attend, Sabre Gaffikin spoke on behalf of yearbook. This is Janet's second and final year as Yearbook Committee Head. She is willing looking for someone to take over for next year and she is willing to assist them if they need it.

- Fall Fundraiser- Emily Holtgrieve gave an update on the Fun Run Fall Fundraiser. Pep- Rally to kick off the fundraiser is set for October 18th and Student Donation Pages go live as well. There will be coin collections going in all classes. The Fun Run will take place October 30th and volunteers are needed for Water Stations. Prizes will be geared more towards experiences than actual items for the kids. There will be tiered bracelets.
- Beautification- Lori Labian was unable to attend, Sabre Gaffikin spoke on her behalf, Beautification will be painting the hard- tops on November 9th. They need about 6 volunteers for 2-3 hours.
- Springetti- Springetti is in need of volunteers, Solicitation is the immediate volunteer need. There will be a Volunteer's Coffee at Michelle Nolen's house on October 15 at 10 AM to discuss opportunities and inform everyone on where the team is at.
- Programs- Lisa Galassini gave updates in Reading Week and reminded everyone of Bedtime Story Night is tonight. Red Ribbon Week is October 21-25 no volunteers are needed, students will be able to participate by wearing different outfits through the week. Science Day is October 31st and will need volunteers, it is a very busy day, but a lot of fun activities are planned for the students. Sign Ups will be available on the PTO Website.

New Business

- Catherine Preddy addressed the cafeteria's use of single use Styrofoam trays and asked if there were an alternative option. Mrs. Wilker explained the lack of plastic reusable trays available. It was requested that the PTO be given an estimate on the cost of purchasing reusable trays to reduce the waste.

Shauna Tysor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM. Michelle Nolen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.