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Poplar Tree Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:02 am

In Attendance: Jennifer McNeerney, Heather Ellison, Jennifer Davis, Rebekah McDonald, Nischala Aamidala, Melanie Read, Rikin Thakker, Nicole Burns, Sue Andujar, Holly Walker, Susan Lowry, Kimberly Powers, Garima Jain, Kara Balzano

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 2017 minutes approved as written.

Lily McErNeerney, 5th Grade Student - Girl Scouts Presentation

- Lily's Girl Scout Troop 1143 is working on their Bronze Award.
- Collecting donations for diapers, rash cream and baby wipes for the DC Diaper Bank.
- Boxes will be in the school lobby.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, Sue Andujar & Holly Walker

- A lot of sickness going around. Appreciate your flexibility.
- Monthly fire drill completed.
- State requires 4 lockdown drills per year. January lockdown drill will be January 22 at 9:15 am.
- Lots of testing happening including Universal Screener later this month.
- Watch Dogs open until April. Information and sign up on Poplar Tree website.
- Issue with attachments in News You Choose for upcoming events. Looking for solution to broadcast this information. Possibly use the PTA Facebook Page and the PTA website.

Rikin Thakker, First Lego League (FLL)

- FLL picking up more momentum.
- FLL Junior season just started. Flyers went out in December. Received a good response. Four teams. First meetings held this week.
- All teams are self-funded. Will participate in an expo in April or May.

Treasurers Report, Nischala Aamidala

Bank statement reconciled. Balance as of 12/31/2017: \$44,657.05

Committee Reports

PTA Sponsored Lunch Fund – Rebekah McDonald

Working on getting more information on this.

Mini Grants

Have money leftover to open to a possible second round.

Jennifer Davis, Kindness Project

- Kindness Project - 6th Grade Starting Kindness Rocks tomorrow.
- 6th Graders will be painting rocks.
- Consider supplies as a Mini Grant Request.

Spirit Night – Children's Science Center, Nicole Burns

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- Capacity of 150 people (including parents). \$10 per person for non-members. Suggested donation of \$5 for members.
- Pre-order tickets to ensure your children can get in since there is a maximum number.

New Business

- Spelling Bee is 2nd – 6th Grade.
- Geography Bee - Not being organized this year. We need a teacher who can register and have access to material. 4th-6th grade. Consider for next year when we can begin earlier in the year. Find a PTA volunteer the end of this year to help with next year. Keep in budget for next year.

Nominating Committee

- Looking for people to serve on nominating committee

Upcoming Events

- Spirit Night – Children’s Science Center, Thursday, January 25 6:30-8:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 am