

Thomas Paine PTA Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dana Perez at 6:30 PM.
- II. Greetings and Introductions
 - Keep in touch with the PTA
 - Webpage: <http://thomaspainepta.com>
 - Facebook: Thomas Paine PTA
 - Twitter: @Thomas Paine PTA
 - The PTA will meet the 2nd Monday of every month. If there is no school on the second Monday of the month, then we will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month.
- III. Principal Report – Mrs. Cooper
 - Presentation of School Continuous Improvement Plan
 - Picture Day is October 7th, 2015
 - No school on October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.
 - PBIS – This month's character trait is Respect. Two children from each classroom who demonstrate this trait will be recognized. These children's families will be invited to a breakfast in October.
 - There was a fantastic turn out for Grandparent's day this year.
- IV. Executive Committee Reports
 1. President – Dana
 1. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom please contact Angie Armstrong our schools volunteer/mentor coordinator.
 2. Other volunteer opportunities at PTA functions include: Movie Night, Parent's Night Out, School Carnival and Fun and Field Day. Volunteer sign up sheets will be passed around.
 3. Fundraising Goal - 3 more Prometheum boards, Playground equipment.
 4. PTA membership costs \$5. \$4.25 is given to the state of Illinois PTA to assist with liability costs. If you would like to be a member of the PTA, please fill out the form and give it along with \$5 to either Melissa or Kristi. Membership is necessary to vote at PTA meetings.
 5. Current Fundraisers include Yankee Candle this fall.
 6. Suggestions made for future fundraisers include an Unraiser and East Grip
 7. The PTA will be supporting both AR and Battle of the books. There are both incentive reading programs for our students.
 2. Vice President – Katie
 1. The school supply shopping fundraiser raised over \$600 this year.
 2. We are also selling school magnets to support school spirit. There are 15 left. We are selling them for \$4 each.
 3. Yankee Candle fundraiser last spring raised over \$2000 for our school. As stated earlier, we are moving this fundraiser to the fall, since Market Day went out of business. Sales will start on September 24th. Students will receive the candles they sell in November.

3. Vice President – Ronda
 1. Movie Night – We need to discuss a date and what movie we will show.
 2. Another fund-raising thought is Beef House Rolls.
 4. Treasurer – Melissa
 1. Ending Balance as of August 13, 2015: \$6,987.52
 5. Secretary – Kristi
 1. If you have paid for your PTA membership, but have not yet gotten your membership card, please let me know.
- V. New Business
- Applebee's fundraiser will be on October 31st this year. We are going to ask the teachers to wear Halloween costumes.
 - The budget will be put on the PTA website each month.
 - The proposed calendar will also be posted on the PTA website.
 - Sensory Garden – Jamie Minnaert-Grote is heading up the garden committee which is putting a sensory garden into the courtyard between the secondary hallways at Thomas Paine. Jamie and two other parents have weeded, taken out several trees and mulched the entire area. There is going to be a Mum sale to raise money for the sensory garden and the committee is asking for donations from parents as well.
 - Renewal of Liability Insurance – We voted and approved paying the \$160 to renew our liability insurance.
 - Illinois/National PTA registration status
 - Hospitality -Heather Murphy will be heading the Hospitality committee.
 - Local restaurant fundraisers
 - Applebee's
 - Chili's
 - Hickory River
 - Monical's
 - Parent's evening out
 - Read and Treat will be on October 22, 2015
 - Grant Committee will be exploring grants available for playground equipment.

Attendance: Laura Lyon, Kristi Gresch, Scott Dowds, Katie Madigan, Melissa Dowds, Heather McKeever-Murphy, Sandy Cooper, Dana Perez, Susan Coppess, Paige Waggoner, Jaimee Gleisner, Amy Lamm, Rebecca Matakas, Rebecca Wiltfong, Scott Frailey, Amanda Alleman, Jennifer Powell, Ronda Holliman, Mark Sheldon.

***The PTA meeting minutes for September 14, 2015 have not yet been approved. The PTA will review them and vote to approve them at the next meeting on October 19, 2015.