

Thomas Paine PTA Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dana Perez at 6:30 PM.
- II. Principal Report – Mrs. Cooper
 - Progress reports will go out the first week of November
 - Parent Teacher Conferences are October 29th from 4-8 and November 5th from 4-7.
 - Friday, October 16th was the first PBIS celebration and Thomas Paine hosted the U of I Rodeo Club
 - Thursday, October 22nd, is the first breakfast celebration of Students who demonstrated the character trait of the month for August and September, RESPECT.
 - Read and Treat is Thursday, October 22nd, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM.
 - There is no school on Friday October 30th
- III. Executive Committee Reports
 1. President – Dana
 1. Volunteer opportunities at PTA functions include: Movie Night, Parent's Night Out, School Carnival and Fun and Field Day.
 2. Reading Programs – We will no longer have AR at Thomas Paine, but are planning on having Battle of the Books for the 4th and 5th grade students. Mrs. Cooper is also planning a friendly competition with the Principal of Garden Hills School in Champaign. The PTA will assist with incentives for each of these programs.
 3. A motion was passed to approve the Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2015. This was voted on and approved.
 2. Vice President – Katie
 1. Yankee Candle orders are coming together. It will take 20 days after the orders are turned in before we will receive them. We will need volunteers to help pass them out. The current conservative guess of our profits from Yankee Candle is \$2300.
 2. We've already submitted our first round of box tops for education. There will be a pizza or sundae party for the class submitting the most box tops.
 3. Vice President – Ronda
 1. Movie Night is Friday, November 13, 2015. The doors will open at 5:45 and the movie will start at 6:15. The students will vote on the movie to be watched. We will need volunteers to pass out pizza, popcorn and drinks. Tickets will be sold for 50 cents.
 4. Treasurer – Melissa
 1. Ending Balance as of Oct. 19, 2015: \$7,249.16
 2. The profit from the Garden Committee Mum Fundraiser was \$201.
 3. Request from Mrs. Wyatt for \$100 to have the U of I Dance Club perform at Thomas Paine. Motion to approve by Scott Dowds, second by Dana and Scott Frailey. The request was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Old Business

- Applebee's fundraiser will be on October 31st. Fliers went home already and tickets will be available at the door and in the office. Heather will also sell them at Parent Teacher conferences and Read and Treat.
- We will be going with a different company this year for yearbooks because they are charging significantly less money.
- Hospitality Committee – A sign up Genius went out for food for Parent Teacher conferences. There has not been a lot of response at this point.
- Grant Committee – Scott Frailey reported that the grant committee has been looking at two different grants for playground equipment. A suggestion was made by Mrs. Cooper for a walking path around the school. This could be used by Girls on the Run, during PE and at lunch/recess time.

V. New Business

- Scott Dowds spoke about the Urbana PTA Collaborative. This is a group seeking to bring together representatives of all 8 Urbana schools. The school board will give this group a dedicated amount of time at meetings during which we could ask questions and verbalize concerns or comments.

VI. A motion was moved by Scott Dowds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was formally adjourned at 7:45.

Attendance: Kristi Gresch, Scott Dowds, Katie Madigan, Melissa Dowds, Heather McKeever-Murphy, Sandy Cooper, Dana Perez, Susan Coppess, Paige Waggoner, Rebecca Wiltfong, Scott Frailey, Ronda Holliman, Mark Sheldon and Amanda Alleman.

***The PTA meeting minutes for October 19, 2015 have not yet been approved. The PTA will review them and vote to approve them at the next meeting on November 9, 2015.