

Mary Lin PTA Meeting - Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:30pm, Mary Lin Auditorium

In attendance - Lynley Teras (Co-President), Sarah McLean (Co-President), Janet Patton (Treasurer), Alice Brookner (Secretary), Elizabeth Ames (Parliamentarian), Yukiko Takeuchi (VP Communications), Hallie Meushaw (VP Parent Involvement), Kila Posey (VP Education), Jeanne Eason (VP Operations), Sharon Tate (VP Fundraising)
Principal Sharyn Briscoe

Call to order: 6:36 by Lynley Teras

Approval of minutes from the August 2018 meeting

- Motion to approve: Yukiko Takeuchi
- Second: Hallie Meushaw
- Minutes approved

Co-Presidents' Report

Sarah McLean

- During the last PTA meeting we voted to add \$5k to the budget for a sunshade to be installed on the front walkway. We are currently waiting for measurements and proposals from contractors. Alice Brookner is working on a grant from American Academy of Dermatology, which could be up to \$8k
- We have surpassed our school partners goal of \$20k, having raised over \$47k. Thank you to Sharon Tate!
- PTA purchased a sweatshirt for each teacher at Mary Lin.

Lynley Teras

- Thank you to: Neighborhood Church for providing the teacher luncheon, Stacy Hyken for Parents' Night Out at Tough Love Yoga, and Kristina Murphy and Deniz Zizzi for organizing Operation Care Basket
- Halloween costume donation continues through Thursday
- Mary Lin will partner with Hope Hill Elementary School for Project Gift on December 10 (more information to come)
- PTA will be supporting the Sunshine Club
- We are looking for a new outdoor classroom coordinator - please send any recommendations to Lynley or Sarah

Principal's Welcome

Sharyn Briscoe welcomed parents and thanked everyone for attending. CCRPI scores came back, and GO Team will discuss the results and strategies for continued growth at their next meeting.

Mary Lin Education Foundation reached its fundraising goal. Teachers are continuing to submit grants. The Rocket Launch had to be canceled due to weather, but we are working on rescheduling it.

Career week, book fair, and Thanksgiving luncheon are all coming up.

Remember to read Ms. Briscoe's message in the Rocket Blast each week.

Treasurer's Report - Janet Patton

- Total income - \$54,932, most of this income is from School Partners and the Candler Park Fall Fest bounce house.
- Expenditures - \$25k, including teacher allotments (\$10K), educational enrichment grants, teacher/staff appreciation, and in-school field trips.

Vice Presidents' Updates:**Communications - Yukiko Takeuchi**

Nothing to report

Education - Kila Posey

- Spelling bee (grades 4 and 5) - class winners are currently being determined and the school-wide bee will be January 11. Stay tuned for details in Rocket Blast.
- Lisa Milko - LEEP calendar for spring will come out after Thanksgiving

Fundraising - Sharon Tate

- Thank you to all the neighborhood businesses who have supported Mary Lin by being school partners
- Dine-outs have been successful - Yeah Burger is coming up next
 - January - Wrecking Bar
 - February - Cameli's Pizza
 - March - Doc Chey's
 - April - King of Pops snack-out
- Spirit wear - raised \$1,582 from August and October
- \$10k from in kind donations

Operations - Jeanne Eason

- PTA Members will be receiving their directory soon
- Lost and Found items will be donated before the holiday break
- Supply closet will be restocked as teachers continue to submit requests for supplies
- Bus drivers and crossing guards will be included in Teacher/Staff appreciation week in February

Parent Involvement - Hallie Meushaw

- Operation Care Basket is going on now. Donations will be collected through Thursday
- Holiday program will be December 13 in the auditorium
- MLK Day Service Project will be held at Neighborhood Church, details TBD

New Business**Review and vote on proposed amended budget**

- Teacher Allotments - the budget allotted \$250 per teacher (\$12,500 total), PTA is hoping to increase this to \$350 per teacher as the school partner program has been so successful. PTA would like to increase Ms Benton's and Ms Briscoe's to \$1k from \$750 (Sharyn Briscoe uses her allotment for Professional Development, Mary Benton typically uses her allotment to donate something back to school, such as the very popular sound system in cafeteria). The PTA is currently working through the reimbursement process.

- Sunshine Club - Mary Lin staff pays dues to be in the club and receive benefits, such as sympathy flowers, baby showers/gifts, and parties. PTA would like to add \$500 to supplement their budget
- Educational Enrichment - new line item - PTA helped Ms Briscoe pay for a field trip and we need a place to put it in the budget
- Small Tall Ball - Mary Lin traditionally held separate events for boys and girls - Linsanity and Small Tall Ball
 - The events were kept the same last year, but this year we are trying something new. There will be 2 identical events that will include both boys and girls: one for K-2nd grade, and one for grades 3-5
 - PTA would like to move \$1k from Linsanity to the Small Tall Ball fund, and split the total \$3000 between both events (\$1500 each)
- DIRECTORY COSTS - PTA needs to increase this from \$750 to \$1400

Motion to approve the budget as amended: Hallie Meushaw

Second: Sharon Tate

Budget approved

Announcements

A parent asked about turning the Read to Succeed program into a fundraiser. PTA will talk to Dr. Johnson about details

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Lynley Teras

Second: Hallie Meushaw

Adjourned: 7:11