

Welcome to Conant School PTO



December 18, 2017 – PTO General Body Meeting Minutes

Meeting Commenced: 7:07 p.m.

Board Members Present for General Body Meeting: *Jane Archer, President, and Lin Zhang, Treasurer.*

Teachers, Parents, Guests Present for General Body Meeting: (Mary Tsacoyeanes and Kristin Kenny send their regrets) Parents: Sangeeta Shroff, Elise Calisi, Debby Lee, Ezili Mayo-Joseph, Karin Bell, Archana Barry, Randi Taylor, Missy LoPorto, and Principal: Damian Sugrue.

Welcome – Jane Archer welcomed the group.

Approval of September 22, 2017 Minutes - The minutes of the September 22, 2017 meeting were presented for review with 0 edits and approved.

First motion to approve minutes – *Damian Sugrue*

Second motion to approve minutes – *Archana Barry*

Principal's Update – Damian Sugrue gave the update. ELL testing begins now. MCAS: 3rd grade will still be on paper this year and grades 4-6 will take the MCAS online. Budget Saturday is Jan 7. New requests for financing are made at that time. School committee has approved start times. Single tier busing is now being considered. Afternoon rides should shorten as a result. Assistants funding: 3 assistants @ 12 hours each per grade and 2 assistants @ 18 hours per grade to make equitable. The assistants will also be lunch and recess monitors. They may also help substitute staffing.

Treasurer's update – Jane Archer gave the update. 354 families are at Conant. At this time, 83 have donated \$12,009. 50 families have done 'polar pass.' The Craft Fair brought in \$9,837. The bake sale made \$564 and Admissions made about \$4K. The Book Fair made over \$3K. Suggestion to move book fair to September next year and do 3 days instead of 5. Spirit teeshirts donations are at \$238. PTO annual target is \$44K. \$24,436 raised so far total. Tax donation receipts went out and go out monthly. PTOs will/can still supplement assistants. Fundraising will not be so focused on the balance needed to fund assistants, though. Each school receives a kickback from ABCE enrichment.

Square1 Art – Jane Archer gave the update. We had 120 orders totaling \$1,095 profit. Products will be distributed this week. Looking for feedback on our first fundraiser with Square1 Art.

Approval for Spending – Jane Archer: 1. Replace screen in cafetorium (in January). 2. Stage lighting (6 bulbs) replace at cost of \$5,610.

First motion to vote: Damian Sugrue

Second motion to vote: Archana Barry

Expense to purchase stage lights is approved by unanimous vote. Wiring needs to be fixed too—Brendan from ABRHS is taking a look.

Library: Jane Archer gave the update. The PTO gave the library \$2K to purchase books for Grade 6 selected by teachers and librarian.

Open Positions: Jane Archer gave the update. New volunteer flyers will include open spots for welcoming committee (3), Celtics/Bruins fundraiser (1), Movie Nights (1), Box Tops (1), Vice President (1).

Other – Conant moms looking for book club to start in January. 6-7 people interested (the group is not affiliated with the PTO). Kindergarten tours are coming up and the PTO needs more volunteers. The PTO has about 10-15 core volunteers. Need new K-1 parent volunteers. Next Breakfast With Family is on January 12th.

First motion to adjourn – *Jane Archer*

Second motion to adjourn – *Damian Sugrue*

Meeting Adjourned: *8:00 p.m.*

Minutes Typed By: *Elise Calisi*