

Powell PTA

General Membership Meeting

Minutes

January 21st, 2025

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Virtual

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gyu-odkz-uws>



1. Call to Order–Liz Kinmartin, president
 - a. 7:05 pm called to order
 - b. Did closed board meetings in Nov & Dec, decided to switch to open so everyone can come
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes [September 19th, 2024](#)
 - b. No corrections, minutes are approved
3. [Financial Report](#)–Heather Garner, treasurer
 - a. Made some notes for discussion on budget and potential amendments
 - b. Arts Department has raised a little over \$1000 (met goal)
 - c. Race for Ed - decrease goal from \$26,000 to \$25,000 - is that something we want to vote on for next meeting? That would put us just a few hundred away from goal
 - d. Spirit Items - \$1260 (\$240 short)
 - e. Spirit Nights - \$940 to date
 - f. Membership - decrease from \$1450 to \$1000? Would give a more true picture
 - g. Sales Tax Refund - are we keeping this?
 - h. Girls on the Run has \$80 to use
 - i. Lego Robotics has \$600 remaining (shirts and other supplies)
 - j. Run Club has \$120
 - k. Science Olympiad has \$250 remaining
 - l. Spelling Bee has \$50-\$60 left for refreshments on Friday
 - m. Cultural Arts - \$789.48 left for specialists, \$300 left for shows - moved \$400 from writers/artists to instrument repairs/new instruments (don't have to vote because moving within cultural arts line item)
 - n. Educational Enhancements - increased by \$500 for field trips
 - o. Decreased categories where possible, zeroed out long term goal from \$5000 to get accurate number - if we meet all goals, that sets us at carrying over \$7000 (ideally would carry over closer to \$12,000)
 - p. Audit committee - need to reach out to them for fall months
4. Principal Update–Sierra Wooden
 - a. 1st grade IA position has been filled, will be starting next Monday (Mr. Simons)
 - b. Waiting on weather updates from district for tomorrow
 - i. If tomorrow is cancelled, how does that impact banked days?
 1. We haven't had to make up any of the days we have missed so

- far this year
2. If tomorrow is cancelled, they should tell us at that time if we have to make up the day

5. Discussions

a. Hospitality Budget/Structure (Rose Barbour)

- i. Have been doing lunches, snacks, and coffee. Have been requests for coffee and shelf stable lunch options (Ramen, etc).
- ii. Would like to split committee and have co-chairs for next year
 1. One person in charge of meals (welcome breakfast and workday lunches)
 2. One person in charge of snacks, coffee, stock the lounge, celebrating teachers
 3. Teacher appreciation would be a team effort
 4. Would break budget into two sections to cover (can currently split under current budget line item)
 5. Would be nice to have a co-chair to help out in case of an emergency
 6. Would it be easier to find volunteers if we are splitting up into smaller tasks?

6. Committee Updates

a. Advocacy–Laura Bass

i. Book Club

1. Looking into Wait Until 8th
2. 10 participants in person, virtual coming up, Slack currently going, lots of great conversation

ii. Food Drive January 27th-31st

1. With St Mark's UMC Backpack Buddies - sends home food with food insecure students; serves 10 local schools including Powell
2. Collecting canned food, macaroni, ramen, granola bars, oatmeal, etc, and plastic grocery bags
3. Will have a large box in the lobby, advocacy committee members helping collect food in mornings, food will be delivered to St. Marks on Friday 1/31

b. Audit–Open

c. Nominating–Open (Eve Prince/Laura Kelly)

- i. Talking about hosting park playdate soon to talk about committees; hoping for opportunity for 1 on 1 conversation

d. Family Engagement–Open (Liz Kinmartin)

1. Art Mob–Kim Loftis
2. Communications–Open (Laura Bass)
 - a. Still have lots of business shout outs - if anyone wants to help write copy, would be happy for help
3. Health & Wellness–Jayna Victor
4. Palooza–Eve Prince
 - a. April 11
 - b. Have solidified DJ, Enloe volunteers (crafts, book fair)
 - c. Look at last year's sign up to see if we can copy it - create a second one for high school students this year

- d. Finalizing quote on inflatables, planning to follow same footprint.
 - e. Want to consider doing away with bounce house - tried to do K-2 last year but was very hard to monitor; obstacle courses tend to work better; focus on those and inflatable slides
 - f. Food has been confirmed; donations from Bodette's, Wegmans
 - g. Need to confirm pizza quantities; going to try and do a better job of collecting tickets (usually tricky at the beginning)
 - h. Kona Ice confirmed (will get a percentage back as spirit night)
 - i. Face painting confirmed (3 painters)
 - j. Liz has been doing a lot of work on silent auction donations; some donations are starting to come in, may also add on a raffle option
 - k. Always looking for volunteers, suggestions, input
 - l. Magnet tour families have been asking a lot about how they can get involved the school
 - i. Feb 28: New family event 10-11, PTA rep would be great
 - ii. Invite new families to Palooza
- 5. Welcome & Engagement Events–Open (Liz Kinmartin)
 - a. Liz planning to be at new family event on Feb 28
- e. Fundraising–Tiffany Vilar
 - 1. Book Fair–Heather Garner
 - a. Spring book fair will overlap with Palooza, will be open at night
 - 2. Grant Writing–Open
 - a. Liz has been coming across teacher grants while looking for silent auction donations - have been adding them to teacher resource page on website - <https://www.powellpta.org/staff>
 - 3. Race for Education–Open (Tiffany Vilar/Laura Kelly)
 - a. Glow PJ Dance Party
 - i. Mostly good feedback, was a little chaotic at times
 - ii. If do something like that again, decrease the amount of students in there at one time, have more volunteers
 - 4. Spirit Items & Rent the Rock–Open (Liz Kinmartin)
 - a. 4 weeks remain to rent for the spirit rock (Feb, Mar)
 - b. Ordered stickers and magnets
 - i. Used to sell magnets for \$8, sell stickers for \$3
 - ii. Buy both for \$10
 - c. Planning on a spirit wear store for Feb. 16th-Mar. 2nd
 - i. Would include new family event
 - ii. Usually takes about 2 weeks after store closes for orders to come in

iii. Taking color requests (royal blue, pale pink, tie dye have all been requested) 5. Spirit Nights & Affiliate Fundraisers–(Liz Kinmartin) a. Rescheduled United Skates for February 28 i. Will invite new families b. Hurricanes on February 1st i. Need 50 tickets to be able to do it again - have only sold 13 so far; too high of a price point c. Chuck-E-Cheese on March 13th i. Do not want mascot coming to school d. Going to set up Two Roosters and Mudcats i. Offer nominating committee meet and greet during a window of Two Roosters e. Set up account with Minted i. Customer gets 20% off with our code, we get 15% back f. Can't set up an account with Shutterfly–only for school photos and yearbook customers f. School Support–Open (Laura Kelly) i. Teacher Grants - open them on Friday and go through mid-February? Have about \$5000 for second semester and a little bit rolled over from beginning of year - update form and settings, then email Ms. Jardine & Ms. Wooden when they are open 1. Cultural Arts–Visiting Artists–Gina Ali a. Number Drummer Assembly coming up; percussion math workshop during electives, will be specific to grade levels 2. Hospitality–Rose Barbour a. Provided lunch on January 17th i. Chick-Fil-A, everyone seemed to like it and went well 3. Yard Mob–Rebecca Tucker 4. Yearbook–Laura Bass a. Ad deadline extended Jan. 31st b. Reviewer volunteer slots on signup genius
7. Questions/Comments
8. Upcoming Dates a. 01.22 Begin 2nd Semester Domains & Q3 Electives b. 01.27-31 Food Drive c. 01.28 Assembly: Number Drummer- The Math Machine d. 01.28 <u>Book Club</u> (Virtually) @8:00-10:00pm e. 02.01 Hurricanes Spirit Night @7pm f. 02.03 Jump Rope for Heart Week g. 02.03 School Counselor Week h. 02.10 Bus Driver Appreciation Week i. 02.11 PTA General Membership Meeting @7pm @ Transfer Food Hall
9. Adjournment at 7:56 pm

