

Innovation Academy PTO Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2018



1. Welcome- President Vince Pike called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. Minutes- Minutes were approved and Kathryn also read two thank you cards to the audience. They were from the teachers and staff.
3. President's Report- Dr. and Mrs. Uhl were introduced to the group. They have been very generous and have been fulfilling grants through their foundation. Everyone present thanked them for their giving and their kindness. Vince spoke to the award that the Amphitheater Governing Board presented to our PTO. He passed it around so we could all see. All of the teacher requests that have been submitted so far have been fulfilled. Teacher and staff will be asked to submit more requests. Only two more PTO meetings remain for the year and all board positions will be open to be filled. The Board is proposing a change to the 1st VP position. This position would become a President-Elect position with the intention that the person in that spot will be the president for the next school year, a two-year position. We will vote at the April meeting about this proposal.
4. Treasurer's Report- Vince gave the treasurer's report. The Galaxy Gala made \$2,500. We have approximately \$13,000 in savings. Jennifer T reported that the Usborne book fair was very successful and brought in \$4,500 with a percentage of 50% going back to purchase books for the library. Usborne charges \$0 for the shipping so this book fair was a huge success for the school.
5. Principal's Report- Mr. McConnell reintroduced our special guests Dr. and Mrs. Uhl. Their foundation may be contacted at stem.can.org/uhl. Both Dr. Uhl and Mrs. Uhl spoke to the group. Mr. McConnell talked about Jessie the Jersey Cow that made a guest appearance at the school to teach children about farms, nutrition, and animal care. 20 volunteers showed up to judge science fair projects. Many wonderful student centered projects were presented and will be heading to SARSEF on 4/13 and 4/15. The OM teams sent 53 students to compete at the recent competition wearing their school shirts provided by the PTO. It was the 30th anniversary of Amphi schools competing in OM competitions.
6. Committee Reports-

Yearbook- Alana spoke about the yearbook. There have been 89 year books currently ordered. We committed to buying at least 50 so we are well over the amount at this point. All make-up pictures have been taken and the extra 4 pages are a go. This will be a very special year book due to all the activities surrounding a brand new school. Alana has been working very hard and we all appreciate her taking this on.

7. Old Business-

- a. We are now an official 501(c)(3). The donations made are also retroactively deductible for the date March 29, 2017. The IRS 990 form for the PTO has been filed and the Corporation Commission is updated with all of our current information.
- b. There is a form in the office for comments, suggestions, teacher requests and will also be available for all meetings. The phone number for the PTO is 520-356-0323. The call goes to email and is transcribed. A text message may also be left. The website address is innovationacademypto.org. Also follow PTO on Facebook. The email address is innovationacademypto@gmail.com. Please be sure to send in photos to use for the website. Be sure to let Barb Anderson know if you are not receiving the PTO emails. She is adding a new area in the newsletter for the Volunteer of the month and a Thankful Thursday section for donors.

8. New Business-

- a. April will include the Scorpion Stride. This will be to kick start the budget for 2018-2019 startup. The event is being chaired by Lakisha Prewitt and Jennifer Taturan. It will be held on April 21st. It is a Saturday from 8-11am. We will have a website up and running to help with collecting donations for the fun run.
- b. Vince proposed a change to the bylaws for the 1st VP to become the President-Elect. Details have been listed above.
- c. The month of May will have a send-off movie night. Tentative date is May 18 with the Scholastic Book Fair 2 for 1 running also.
- d. The PTO voted in support of buying a table for the Amphi Foundation Gala. Mr. McConnell will have a drawing for the staff that is interested in attending. Barb made the motion to buy the table and Kathryn did the second. The Gala will be held on April 21.
- e. Kathryn also spoke about the Gala basket donations that are being collected by IA to use at the silent auction during the Gala. The theme for the basket will be a STEM theme and items such as Lego sets, robotics sets, and art and crafts are examples of what we are collecting. The tub for donations will be in Mr. McConnell's office.
- f. The PTO will help with the 5th Grade Send Off in planning and funding.

The Call to Membership was made with no comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7pm by Vince. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00pm in the IA MPR/Cafeteria.