



Meeting date:	December 13, 2017
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 - 6:30 PM EST
Attendance Total:	12
Board Members:	(5) Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Laura Hancock, Kierstie Keller, Christine Sedam
PTA Members:	(3) Suzanne Lull, Jacquie DeFreze, Marie Soucie

## Agenda Items/Notes

### 1. Co-Presidents' Report

- i. Introductions
  - All attending members knew each other; introductions were waved
- ii. Polar Express Recap
  - 120-130 students
  - Range of age
  - There was enough food and beverages for the event
  - Curb pickup was a little slow
  - The event will be a consideration for next year
- iii. Assembly update
  - Beginning Budget = \$7500
    - Spent:
      - ❖ RES – Katelyn L. Greer \$1000
      - ❖ RES – Wonder movie tickets \$926.90
      - ❖ RES – Wildlife Encounters \$115.00
  - Suzanne provided the following information on additional assemblies
    - **Tiger:** Let You Star Shine: January 24<sup>th</sup>. Encouraging young people to accept themselves and others by promoting self-esteem. Celebrating the uniqueness of each individual to promote acceptance of others and to decrease bullying. Let Your Star Shine! seeks to teach children the beauty of diversity and the importance of treating others the way they wish to be treated. The production features the wonderful and unique talents of Eric Shroeder, a professional actor with Downs Syndrome. It is suitable for K-6 audience. (\$825 plus travel) January 24<sup>th</sup>. Website: <https://campus.plymouth.edu/tiger/performances>
    - **STEAM:** Family night with Beth Sommers - \$600 budget
    - **Northeast Passage** – Grades 2/3. Similarity Awareness \$450. This group brings in wheelchairs and other tools to address disabilities with students during PE class.
    - **Illustrator/Author Matt Tavares:** \$800. Website: <https://matttavares.com/schoolvisits.html> up for the Caldecott Award for Lulu & Red
    - **Johnny the K:** March 15<sup>th</sup> - \$710
    - **Haven:** \$600-\$687. Haven's goal is to prevent violence before it happens and to change behaviors and mindsets to make our community a safer place
      - ❖ Can have a parent information day to have questions answered
  - Wonder
    - Kids had opportunity to sign kindness pledge

### 2. Vice President's Report

- i. Grant requests and vote
  - No grant requests this month
  - Kerry will send out Katie Greer information from the Internet/App safety presentation

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- i. Budget Report
  - Polar express made approx. \$600
  - Taxes got filed
  - Waiting for letter of affirmation from IRS saying we are non-profit
  - State dues have been paid
  - Approximately \$55K is in the bank currently
  - REF/PTA collaboration effort to push forward with a playground proposal – meeting in January
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration for 3-day trip for scholarships for those who need assistance – have \$1500 set aside to support that activity

### **4. Secretary's Report**

- i. Approve Minutes
  - Minutes approved for last month; posted to website

### **5. After-School Enrichment (ASE) Update**

- In session 4 of signups
- Quite a few full: Kindness club (full within 15 min), Jewelry (full within 12 hrs.)
- Investigating summer camp options
- 14 choices last session but may move it to 10-12

### **6. Communications Reports**

- No updates

### **7. Other items**

- Holiday gifts
  - Keurig and carafe from Elizabeth
  - Put basket together to compliment the Keurig's
- Cookie Swap
  - Successful event
  - Donna Waldron – shout out for her participation; helped with planters and cookie swap
- Mall in the Hall is coming up