



Meeting date:	April 16, 2018
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 - 7:20 PM EST
Attendance Total:	11
Members:	Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Laura Hancock, Nina Parrott, Carla Cole, Brigitte McCarthy, Courtney Mulvey, Sheila Adams, Jacquie DeFreze, Christine Sedam, Kierstie Keller

Agenda Items/Notes

1. Co-Presidents' Report

i. Daughters Dance - May 19th 6:30 – 8:30

- Theme is Night in the Garden.
- 34 tickets sold to date
- Jeannette Lindsey is leading the planning efforts. Sign up genius went out for volunteers to bring food, water, as well as staffing the event.
- Question came up of whether it would be missed not having a photographer. Consensus was that we try a DIY photo booth area with props for photos and attendees can use their own phones/cameras to take pictures.
- Decision was made to not offer corsages this year but question came up whether to ask Rolling Green if they would offer them, at a discount for the dance.

ii. Regatta – May 31st

- Alison Dunn is leading efforts on the party planning and has asked the PTA to fund a portion of the food cost. Around \$1k.
- Las Olas will provide food.
- Missed the window for Rye magazine for communication.

iii. End of School Appreciation Gifts

- Bus driver appreciation (June 5th):
 - Jacquie offered to volunteer to have cards signed and will call the bus company to confirm the number of bus drivers (approx. 8 drivers). Courtney will pick up the gift cards to Dunkin Donuts.
- Staff appreciation lunch (May 12th):
 - Discussed that a parent was identified for each school to lead sign up genius efforts on sides, salads, desserts and beverages. Seacoast Soup will be providing salads and wraps.
- Custodians:
 - Nina shared that last year we gave gift cards to Target or DD at the end of school year. We will plan to do this again.

iv. PTA board:

- We are close to confirming individuals for the VP and Treasurer roles and will present official slate at May meeting.

v. Fundraiser for next year:

- Discussed ideas of a community event: Taste of Rye, 5k, bike parade, etc.
- Colleen Pavlas shared an idea of a trip to anywhere with student selling tickets to fund. Low effort to fundraise.
- Discussed approaching Jen Madden again to be the sponsor and she shared that she had great traction and interest with buyers/sellers seeing she was a sponsor of the PTA.

- Nina offered to lead sponsorship efforts and would look for PTA to find someone else to coordinate the volunteers for the event
- Would be ideal to target the event for late March/early April.

2. Vice President's Report

i. Grants

- Mr. Fox Composting presented by Carla Cole
 - RES has been composting for 3 years and they are dependent on parents to transport to the dump 5 days a week. This year they have been educating students on composting and have easily doubled the compost since this started.
 - Asking for \$1792.83 which would cover a 10 month contract. Included is once a week pickup, liners, school education and the return of one cubic yard of compost returned to the school at the end of the year to use in the garden.
 - Decision was made to fund this out of the miscellaneous educational support line. Jacquie 1st, Nina 2nd motion, all in favor.
 - PR run slotted for the June issue of Rye Magazine.
- Invisible Paint requested by Jennifer Miller, 7th grade ELA
 - Every student would create a poem and use the laser cutter to create a stencil of it. Poems would be placed all over town using the invisible paint. And the poems would only appear when it rains, lasting for about 2-4 months.
 - Asking for \$988 for 8 bottles of invisible paint.
 - Board feels the cost of the product is high for such a limited viewing. Would like to see other creative options for public art if the selectman are in support of students creating art around town.
- Playground equipment request:
 - REF was not able to participate in the funding due to timing of their funding cycle but provided the research and did most of the leg work.
 - School board voted to approve 4 sided climbing structure for RES, GAGA pit for RJH, funding to be split between the school board and the PTA. \$12,600 from each party.
 - Board gave prior approval via email due to timing of the meeting.
 - Suzanne will see if someone on staff could install the Gaga pit. Also a question came up whether a local landscaping company would possibly donate some time and materials.
 - Next step is to connect with the SAU on processing payment.
 - Question came up on whether we should fund a Gaga pit for RES seeing that we will already be paying for the install cost at RJH. Loop back with Suzanne to see if she is interested. Special brackets from Gaga company, lumber from Ricci and just an estimate from the site work. Suzanne was going to see if someone on staff could do it.

3. Treasurer's Report

i. Budget Report

- We are in spending mode now and we have been ahead of break even. Will have some expenses from the junior high that we have been collecting receipts for. (Fun Finale, 8th grade celebration, Playground)
- Talents by the sea donation: \$1k donation
- Assume full funding on grants. Still under budget by \$9k
- How much budget do we want to carry over for next year? \$25k-30k

- Stephanie Tabit recently received her Quickbooks certification and wants to work with Christine to help with this project in order to gain some experience. We agreed we should give her a thank you gift.

4. Secretary's Report

- i. Approve Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes from February and March - 1st Courtney, 2nd by Christine

5. After-School Enrichment (ASE)

- i. Update:
 - Will be close to \$18K
 - Outdoor survival skills sold out quickly. Looking at new ideas for next year, maybe Susan to sew or baking class. Anyone to do cooking classes?

6. School Board update

- Board approved funding online lunch payment system at the March meeting which happened after the PTA meeting so we did not report on this earlier.

7. Other Business

- Earth day webcast on Friday, 8:30-12:30.
 - Flip grid, way of leaving a video message, go online and talk about the importance of earth day, way to save the earth.
 - Flipgrid.com/earthcast
 - School in Argentina creating some material and UAE
- School Beautification - talk to Donna Waldron about doing RJH in addition to RES
- Next meeting May 9th at 6