

**OES PTA Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2014
OES Cafeteria
Submitted by Audra Hoebler**

Present: From the Board: Amy Allen, Marcie Martin, Mary Pat Julian, Laurel Donaldson, Audra Hoebler and Jackie Snow. Please see attached attendance sheets.

The meeting came to order at 3:35pm.

Speaker Presentation

- Chris Weins and Jeff Tindall from AXA Advisors spoke about ways for parents to financially plan for college for their children.
- If anyone would like a copy of their PowerPoint presentation, please let me know.

Minutes

- Alysia Dempsey made a motion to approve the June and September 2014 PTA meeting minutes and Dawn Marie Singleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Reports

Treasurer – Marcie Martin

- Friends of Oakton Fundraising Campaign is going well.
- Membership for the PTA is increasing.

Fundraising – Jackie Snow

- Friends of Oakton
 - Fundraising will run through October 30.
 - Only 10% of families have donated and we have reached \$16K towards our goal of \$32K.
 - In order to reduce OES fees, we ask that families make a credit card donation via the web if it is under \$250; if over please write a check.
 - Donate before 12/31/14 to get a tax benefit.
- DC United
 - Thirty-four tickets were sold.
 - A Spring date for another game will be set in December.
- Dining for Dollars
 - \$80 was raised at California Tortilla.
 - Working with other area restaurants including Chipotle, Social Burger, Donato's and California Pizza Kitchen.

- Skate Night
 - First skate night was a success and OES made \$900!
 - November 17 is the next Skate Night – Luau theme.
- Spring 5K
 - Date has been set for April 26.
 - There is a meeting on October 21; we are looking for a race director as well as volunteers.

Fundraising and Speakers – Laurel Donaldson

- Mixed Bag Designs
 - OES is selling eco-friendly bags; most bags ranges from \$9-\$25; catalogues will go out in Tuesday folders on October 28.
 - We receive 50% of the profits from paper orders and 40% for online orders.
 - Paper sales will end November 19 and online sales will end December 31.
 - Goal is \$6000 gross to net \$3000 to PTA.
- Next speaker lined up is C. Lee Cawley, a certified professional organizer and owner and founder of Simplify You. Her presentation will be “Organizing Tips for Busy Parents”.
 - We are working on potential babysitters for this evening meeting – possibly an older Girl Scout troop.

VP of Programs – Mary Pat Julian

- All Fall programs were filled. Favorites are creative writing and programming.
- In the Spring we hope to offer new programs
 - Math Club – need volunteers for 5th and 6th grades; 4th grade is already established.
 - Type to Learn
 - Basket ball
 - Science Club – hands on science experiments run by 8-10 Oakton High School students.

President – Amy Allen

- Room Parent liaison meetings were held on October 8th. All Room Parents should have manuals.
- Panther Express has changed format – easier to create and navigate.
- PTA Directories are being finalized and readied for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm.

The next PTA meeting is November 17, 2014 in the OES library.