

**OES PTA Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2014  
OES Library  
Submitted by Audra Hoebler**

**Present:** From the Board: Amy Allen, Marcie Martin, Laurel Donaldson, Audra Hoebler and Jackie Snow. Please see attached attendance sheet.

**The meeting came to order at 7:47pm.**

**Speaker Presentation**

- C. Lee Cawley, a certified professional organizer and founder of Simplify You spoke about organizational tips for busy parents, specifically with regard to toys, clothes and artwork.
- If anyone would like a copy of her presentation outline, please let me know.

**Board Reports**

**Fundraising and Speakers – Laurel Donaldson**

- Mixed Bag Designs
  - 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. There is no tax or shipping/handling for paper sales.
  - Scoops2U is donating an ice-cream party to the class that sells the most; there will also be prizes for individuals who sell the most.
  - Would like to have \$6000 net; \$3000 gross for PTA

**Fundraising – Jackie Snow**

- Friends of Oakton - doing well but \$8000 below our goal of \$32,000.
- Spring 5K - still looking for Race Chair.
- School Supplies - we are possibly looking into a new vendor because all of the supplies for the family (kids and donations) were combined and parents had to sort. Jackie is working with Jill Feeko on this.
- Skate Night - the November skate Night had half of the turnout that we usually have.

### **VP of Programs – Mary Pat Julian**

- Not present – Report delayed until next meeting.
- Robotics
  - Chris Gray stated that OES (6<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the FLL (First Lego League) Robotics competition.
  - Per Ken Fisher, 2 OES students (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) made it to the State Championship from the Oakton Robotics team and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- Math Club - 4<sup>th</sup> grade has begun; competition to be held on 11/19/14 at OES.
- Science Club - one session has occurred – going well so far.
- Winter Programs
  - Registration will begin soon; advertising will begin within the month.
  - Minecraft will be offered again.
- Jim Miller - certified self defense instructor
  - Would like to bring programming to OES, perhaps in the Spring. (There is no space available during Winter)
  - His company is non-profit and all money will go directly to the PTA.

### **Treasurer – Marcie Martin**

- Friends of Oakton total is higher this year than at this time last year although we are still short by \$8000
- Membership for the PTA is higher than expected.
- An audit for the Virginia PTA was conducted by a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent who is independent of the Executive Board.
  - Beth Tudan made a motion to approve the audit and Audra Hoebler seconded the motion. All in favor.
- The teachers have \$200 to spend in the class each year. This money is tax-exempt so they actually have more than \$200. They need the tax ID letter. Deadline for submission of their expenses is 3/1/15.

### **President – Amy Allen**

- PTA Directories were supposed to be distributed earlier, however, Jeff Wright, the Chair, had been sick. They are at the printer and will be ready to distribute in the next Tuesday folder.
- Tuesday folders – paper vs. email is an ongoing issue. We are trying to do both to accommodate everyone.
- Room Parents are getting checks from parents and cashing.
- Gail Gonzales is the new 4<sup>th</sup> grade treasurer; all grades are covered now.

- Game Night
  - Turnout was low, half as many people as last year. We lost money on pizza sales which are usually a wash.
  - Another one is scheduled during screen-free week in the Spring.
- There has been positive feedback on the new look of the Panther Express – very user friendly.
- We are trying to tie Family Dining evenings to events that we are hosting.

### **Minutes**

- Jim Miller made a motion to approve the October 2014 PTA meeting minutes and Marcie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Beth Tudan reported that on 11/18/14 at 6:30pm there is a Fairfax County PTA meeting and Karen Garza, Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, will be speaking. Location – Gatehouse Café. (Update: This meeting was cancelled due to weather)

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

**The next PTA meeting is January 12, 2015 at 3pm in the OES cafeteria.**