

PTA General Meeting minutes
2015-11-02
Margaret Royall, Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Individual introductions – What would be your February vacation destination?

2. Safe Routes To School – speaker from IYB Kim – free programming until 2017

- Safety infrastructure – speed humps, bike lanes, bike boulevard
- Programming – bike rodeos, walking school bus, afterschool in Dec
- Walking school bus – Chaperone picks up kids along the way, snacks
- Involves Fall Creek, BJM, and Boynton
- March- Jun – program 2 days a week, transportation provided, outdoor walks, snacks
- Ready to help with Fall Creek bike rodeo
- Providing helmets to all Ithaca kids – almost 200 to date, more to give
- Open to ideas and strategies
- Games for kids
- Christina: crossing guard at Linn and King?

3. Fall Fundraiser – Tamara and Paul

- Nov 8th – 3 weeks away
- Need volunteers: ticket taking, bagging popcorn, cleanup
- Cleanup is very important
- Melissa Dhundale organizing bakers
- How to volunteer (just come, sign up sheet at meeting, sign up online)
- Online ticket purchase - Fallcreekpta.org/wunderbar
- Spread the word – email friends, spread link to online ticket sales
- Raffle – need volunteer to organize
- For selling ads - contact Joan Doria
- Joan submitted request for donation from work for \$150

4. PTA Membership

- 20 paid members
- Last year had 50 paid members
- Need to spread the word

5. Election Day bake sale handed off to 5th grade for end of year trip

6. Winter Gear Collection

- Donate winter clothes to school nurse (esp boots, hats, mittens, coats)

7. Volunteer sign-ups going around

- A. Craft Night – Friday, Dec 11th

- 6-8pm
 - Need volunteers (Craft organizers, cleanup, etc) – signup sheet
- B. Gimmie Coffee Fundraiser
C. Reading Celebration – February
D. Basketball

8. Rolls that need filling for programs this year:

JR First Lego League Chair

- Elaan Greenfield possibly

Basketball Chair

- Jessica Ristow and Heather Harrick

Iceskating – Not happening – no chair

9. IPEI & PTA Grants – we need grant writer help

- IPEI Grants – rolling deadlines, different amounts
- PTA Grants – “Curriculum enhancement”
- TST Boces – 70% of funds will come back if PTA grants processed here
- <http://tstboces.org/instructional-services/cooperative-enrichment/>

10. Rolls that will need filling for the 2016-17 year

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Membership Chair
- d. Enrichment Chair
- e. Butterfly Garden Chair – Margaret Royall
- f. Teacher Appreciation Week Chair (May 2-8)
- g. Staff Luncheon Chair

11. Remaining PTA meetings

- April 4
- May 2
- June 6