

Churchville Middle School PTA Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - Regular Meeting

Attendance:

Francesca Bolivar
Christine Cockman
Ann Feehery
Suzanne Koller
Suji LaBine, PTA President
Veronica Lopez
Tina Morton
Kim Ptak
Ana Nichols
Peter Ritchie, Teacher
Gina Reeder, Principal

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2019

September 2019 Minutes – APPROVED

Veterans Day Activities (Peter Ritchie)

- We want to support honors day Chicago and raise money to fund an honor flight (check to be presented during the assembly); to raise money, we are selling removable decals (for minimum \$2.00 donation each); students can purchase at Henry's Hut or from Mr. Ritchie; Suji will sell some at the PTA Council Meeting; NOTE: this is the only decal kids are allowed to have on their Chromebooks
- Students are also doing art and poetry for veterans day and other creative activities; Art from these activities will be displayed around the school
- Reception is at 1:00 and ceremony is at 2:00
- See Sign Up Genius for needs (help, supplies, etc.); also need refreshments for the morning portion in the Atrium (starts at 9:30) this would be a nice place for vets to sign between sessions and have a treat
- Debra Segiet has been working on ways to showcase Project Lead the Way classes; she will be presenting in front of the board; we would like to showcase the student's work and highlight those classes
- We might have the head of the state veterans affairs at the assembly (Peter also invited Obama, George W. Bush)

Principal's Report (Gina Reeder)

- **Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs)** - Thanks for lunch and dinner during PTCs; There were team meetings today and everyone said PTCs went very well; Over 80% of PTC timeslots were filled (about same as last year; we made a big jump last year and maintained it); for parents that don't speak English, there were about 12 bi-lingual teachers and support staff.
- **Red ribbon week** – Taking place this week; teachers are wearing college spirit ware.

- **Girls Academy** – Preparations underway; taking place Saturday, November 9th from 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM; This event is in partnership with Elmhurst College sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma; Note: this event is the same night as the school play, so if anyone wants to leave early they can; those leaving early will get the certificate, etc.; there will be good food.
- **School Play** – coming soon!
- **PSAT** – was “opt in” this year; not sure how many students participated; PSAT was transitioned to “opt in” because it is no longer part of the placement process at York, so Churchville teachers no longer use up instruction time to do it; many schools don’t do it anymore

Officer Report – President (Suji LaBine)

- **PTA council scholarship fundraiser** – information distributed
- **Annual UCCA Food drive** – flyer was distributed to students with lists of key groceries needed; also doing a gift card drive; 275 families are in need in D205
- **York activities for incoming 8th graders** – 11/25 York staff coming to Churchville for a presentation on electives; 12/4 is academic night at York (all 8th grade parents encouraged to attend); 12/11 York counselors come to Churchville and talk to students about their courses (prior to this, counselors at Churchville will spend acceleration time with 8th graders to talk about the transition to York, courses, etc.)

Officer Report – Treasurer (Suji LaBine for Lisa Gami)

- Comprehensive report on financials since last meeting was distributed; there were no questions

Officer Report – VP of PTA Membership/Fair Share (Kim Ptak)

- We are currently at 43% of total fair share (our goal is 60%)
- An email reminder will go out next week to hopefully bring in more participants and bring us closer to our goal.
- Currently, there are dues paying 99 PTA members

Officer Report – VP of Events (Christine Cockman)

- **Teacher Appreciation Day Committee** – There was a great response from teachers and faculty for food thank you!; this activity will come under budget by

about \$30; one volunteer donated a large Greek salad from her restaurant; anything else leftover that is not perishable will be used again next year.

- **Angst Movie/Documentary night** – There was good attendance; this movie focused anxiety in teens and there was also a panel of experts to answer questions. Gina will share some of the documents from that activity in the next parents newsletter

Committee Representative Reports

- **Social Dance** – all registration info has been distributed; as of tonight, there are 39 8th graders and 34 7th graders; This year, we're separating the grades; 7th will start at 7:00 PM and 8th will start at 8:30; last year there were too many kids at once and the dance instructor suggested splitting the two groups. This event Starts 11/8 and goes for 6 weeks. Registrations are due this Friday; Chaperone sign up is looking good except for 12/6 – we need more volunteers. 7th grade is set; need a little more help for 8th grade
- **Dine Out** – 10/16 Currito Eat and earn raised \$108; also working on Culvers
- **6th grade social** – 11/10 at Windy City Ninjas; figuring out the sign up link; some issue with charges where there shouldn't be, etc.; chaperones all set (8)
- **7th grade social** – TBD; will take place in January
- **8th grade social** – 1/5 at Stardust bowl in Addison from 5:00 – 7:00 PM; price includes shoes, one pizza/lane/ soda/lane; pay cash at the door; will need some chaperones

New Business

- Suggestions for future PTA guest speakers include:
 - Be smart program about gun safety
 - Social Media – biggest issue in middle school today

Upcoming events

- Coffee and convo with Principal Reeder – Wed. 11/13 at 9:00 in library
- Next PTA meeting – Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the media-scape room

Adjournment

There being no additional business, there as a motion to adjourn the meeting (Veronica Lopez) and then a second motion (Kim Ptak); Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.