

Amigos de Aspira DE PTO Meeting

October 13, 2021 6:30pm

Call to order 6:34pm

Board members in attendance (quorum met):

PRESIDENT: Michael Krzyzanowski

VICE PRESIDENT: Melissa Espinal

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TREASURER: Ernie McGrath

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SECRETARY: Britt Hernandez

SECRETARY: Lorrie Burke-Jackson (via zoom)

FUNDRAISING CHAIR: Erica Holmes

UNIFORM EXCHANGE CHAIR:

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting. Motion carried.

President's report: elections tonight to vote on new board members. Discussed uniform resale to be held in conjunction with LifePath Swap n Drop. Nikki was speaking with DuPont about volunteers, they cannot do the 23rd. PTO website is available on school website under Families > Parent Teacher Organization. Will start using Remind again for announcements @AspiraPTO. Members can get access to PTO Facebook page. Looking for volunteers – sign up genius setup and available on website.

Treasurer report: \$3,451.04 in checking, Paypal has \$17.60. \$15 Amazon Smile donation and \$70.70 membership fees collected since last month. Motion made to approve. Motion carried.

Fundraising report: Gift wrap and candles fundraiser suggested as well as tumblers. Unfortunately too late for gift wrap fundraiser, but would like to get together a cookie/snack fundraiser to start in January. Would like to do a Dec Family Movie Night with Star Wars theme. A parent in the school works with a group that can dress as Storm Troopers. Facebook poll or Event Bright sign up suggested due to possible need to limit seating for COVID. Photo opportunity with suggested donation recommended. Would like to start selling t-shirts and custom-made masks as early as next month. More to come as the year progresses. Need to build up cash reserve to be able to fund events for the school.

Volunteer packet is on website and needs to be filled out for all volunteers.

Vote for bylaw exemption for Erica Chavez. Motion made. Motion carried.

Ballots for board vote passed out:

President: Michael Krzyzanowski

Vice President: Melissa Espinal & Veronica Contreras

Treasurer: Ernie McGrath & Erica Chavez

Secretary: Lorrie Burke Jackson & Britt Hernandez

Fund Raising Chair: Erica Holmes & Fabiana Salih

Uniform Exchange Chair: Katie Mixon & Sara Hill

Motion to accept vote passed. Board members accepted.

Old business:

New business: Michael recommended reducing the volunteer hours available for attending a board meeting from one hour to one half hour to encourage the continued support throughout the year. Anna suggested giving the time based on the actual time of the meeting. Board will discuss at next meeting and bring for a vote at next member meeting.

Anna Viscara introduced herself as the parent member of the school board and encouraged everyone to reach out if they need anything. Melissa brought up that a lot of families are struggling to find pieces for kids to wear while waiting for uniforms to be delivered, despite being ordered several months ago.

Discussed communication avenues. Facebook is widely used by board, but not necessarily parents. Website should be updated more regularly. Will be using Remind this year. Discussed best way to utilize the school for connection, including membership information on school communications and perhaps connecting better with teachers to encourage participation. Michael will speak with Sr. Avillas re: encouraging teachers to participate. Anna recommended having one teacher present information at each meeting.

Wanda Lopez introduced herself (Family Resource) and volunteered to take the pulse of the teachers to encourage PTO participation. Presented information for financial coaching partnership with Stand By Me DE.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10. All membership meetings going forward will be the second Wednesday of the month.

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm.