

Approved Minutes
Addams PTA
October 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Addams PTA was held on Monday October 14, 2019.

Attendees: Joe Youanes, Jenny Kowalkowski, Mallory Greenway, Lillian Scull, Jane Bofferding, Laura Nagrant, Amy Macdonald, TJ Stevens, Deb Anderson, Liz Miller, Elizabeth Delorean, Austi McNew, Elisse Beausoleil, Sarah Barber, Elizabeth Cassis, Jason Kohl, Danielle Doan, Tracy Watkins, Rachel Lane, Christina Hipp, Katrina Baharozian, Amanda O'Dell, David Strunk, Paula Woodruff, Jessica Anderson, Kristin Smith, Janelle Beauchamp, Terri Hurbis, Beth Ellis, Tricia Graziano, Joni SayGan, Mandi Hill, and Stephanie Stevens.

7:02 p.m. Call to Order – Welcome!

Confirm Quorum of members present -10 members required

Pledge of Allegiance

School Board Liaison –Deb Anderson

- Count day was last week: the district has 147 more students, including 54 DK students.
- 38 new hires in the district.
- Ribbon Cutting at Oakridge this Thursday at 6 pm and at Keller at 7. Work at Addams will begin approximately 2021.
- Committee Meetings at the Board office: Communications at 5 pm and Arts & Preservation at 6.

Teachers' Report – Kristin Smith

- Thank you to all of the families who supported the school clean up last month!
- Remember to sign up for conferences: 11/12, 11/21 and 11/25 from 4-7 pm.

Principal's Report – Joe Youanes

- Thanks to all of you in attendance today!
- The Halloween parade will be held on 10/31 at 2 pm.

Officers Reports:

Secretary – Laura Nagrant

- Presented September minutes for approval:
 - Amended to correct e-mail address for Deb Anderson.
 - A motion was made by Jenny Kowalkowski and seconded by Danielle Doan to approve the September 2019 minutes as amended. Motion approved 30-0.

Treasurer – Jenny Kowalkowski for Sarah Schwarz

- September report: \$12,963.98 Ending Balance (Income: \$3,737.49; Expenses: \$12,112.84, including \$10,000 that was transferred to Savings)

President – Jenny Kowalkowski

- Parking reminders:
 - The back lot is for Staff and Latch-Key (short-term/ drop-off) parking only.
 - City decision to NOT make the north-south roads (Clawson and Linwood) one-way.
- Mrs. Nall is looking for volunteers to create a lost-and-found table; Terry Hurbis volunteered.
- Google Drive form published to teachers (and committee chairs soon) to streamline requests for PTA funds.

Member at Large/ PTA Council Update – Mallory Greenway

- ROam Home kicks off October 19, at ROMS from 12-3. Different groups and organizations will showcase. There will also be a firetruck, police car, cider, donuts, and school tours.

Communications –Amy MacDonald

- See Amy for help if you're not getting the Newsflash on Sunday nights.
- E-mail addamselepta@gmail.com to add announcements to the Newsflash and/ or the PTA Facebook site.

Membership – TJ Stevens

- 30% increase in membership since the last meeting; currently at 202 active members.
- Memberships can be purchased at bit.ly/addamspta

Fundraising – Jane Bofferding

- \$30,000 goal for the Fun Run has been reached, so the kids will get both Kona Ice and Addams t-shirts.
- Kids will enter the raffle drawings for what they're interested in winning (to increase their chance of getting what they want).
 - Raffle tickets will be placed in baskets during library time next week.
 - Kids' quantity of raffle tickets will be based on the amount of money they raised.
 - Prizes will be received at the assembly on 10/25.
- Family skate at Skate World on Voting Day (11/5) from 1-3.

Event Reviews

Welcome Festival – Christina Hipp

- About 268 in attendance, based on RSVPs.
- Need more bounce houses to accommodate the number of kids!

Mom2Mom Sale – Christina Hipp

- About 600 people attended.
- Sold-out space: 87 tables and 5 racks
- Great support from about 25 ROMS kids.
- There will be a sale in the spring.

Book Fair – Liz Miller

- Down about \$400 from last September's fair, but may be due to rain for the Welcome Festival this year.
- The winter book fair will be from 12/5-~12/13 (decided to pull ahead one day to coincide with the Pixie Sale).
- Kristin Smith to send out an e-mail to the teachers regarding birthday books, as it's hit-and-miss if kids are actually receiving them.

Committee Reports

Trunk or Treat – Mandi Hill

- Trunk or Treat is 10/25 from 7-8pm at Addams.
- Need more families to sign up to hand out candy, and need volunteer help as well. See sign-up genius.
- Families will need to bring a bag of candy as "price of entry".

Study Hall – Jenny Kowalkowski for Heather Haack

- Need volunteers every other Monday 11:45-12:50 in the Media Center.

New Business

- Inclusivity:
 - Discussion around making traditionally gender-specific events (Daddy-Daughter Dance and Mother-Son Bowling) more inclusive.
 - No decisions made today around specific events.
 - A motion was made by TJ Stevens and seconded by Laura Nagrant to adopt the Michigan PTA resolution regarding LGBTQ students/ families as it stands.
 - A motion was made by Beth Ellis and seconded by Austi McNew to table the above motion until next month, until all of those interested can review the resolution. Resolution will be shared with the Addams community, likely on Newsflash. Motion passed 30-0.
- Lunch Buddies
 - The Addams Lunch Buddy will provide a parent volunteer on a daily basis, giving extra support to DK and kindergarten classes during lunch and recess to help them transition to the full-time elementary schedule.
 - A motion was made by Liz Miller and seconded by Rachel Lane to establish this as a formal committee of the PTA. Motion passed 30-0.

Old Business

Announcements: November 11, 2019 is the next PTA meeting at 7pm in the Media Center
Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm