Charter PTO General Meeting

November 12, 2015

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Jane Long. 21 people were in attendance.

II. Minutes were proved for the August 25, 2015 meeting by Jana McCall.

III. Officer Reports

- President, Jane Long thanked Kim Gustafson for the snacks provided for this meeting.
- Treasurer, Emily Penney shared that the PTO funds at the end of October is $15,846.94.
- Faculty Liaison, Jana McCall shared the success with the Parents Morning Meeting event. Jana also related all of the Charter teacher’s gratitude for the various things the Teacher Appreciation Committee has done for them.

IV. Committee Reports

- Walk-a-Thon – Linda Bobo and Rebecca Higgins were co-chairs. $15,262 was raised. Linda and Rebecca shared that with the committee binder the job as chair is much easier to do. Parents were encouraged to begin thinking about volunteering to chair next year’s Walk-a-Thon.
- Homecoming – Shelley Cook was chair. The parade was cancelled but all the supplies that were purchased for this year can be used for the following year.
- Teacher Appreciation – Kim Bowyer is chair. Kim polled the committee members to see what the committee wanted to do for the teachers through a survey at the beginning of the year. The next event for teachers will take place in December.
- Fall Festival – Lori Harkness was the chair. The trunk or treat event was a success.
- Yearbook – Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey is the chair. Jane shared that PTO has switched to Pictavo to help gather pictures and make it easier to get them to G. Patterson Studio for making the yearbook. Some concern was shared about the program being slow and parents unable to see other pictures uploaded. Jane Long said PTO will look into other software for next year. Parents were encouraged to take lots of pictures and upload them onto Pictavo. Carrie shared that the committee is exploring a theme for the yearbook such as Lumberjacks Make Great … (first grades, third
Carrie is creating reminders to upload pictures after each event.

- **Pay It Forward** – Rebecca Higgins is chair. Rebecca shared what the committee did last year. Recycling bins seem to be working out well. The committee could use a parent volunteer to take over making sure the recycling is done each week by sending a reminder to the weekly volunteers. Purple Santa will be coming to Charter on December 4 at 8:00am. If you want to participate send a new unwrapped gift for a child age 5 – 12 with your child to school. They will get to give it to Purple Santa who will bring these gifts to those in need.

- **Membership** – Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman are co-chairs. They are continuing to take memberships.

- **Father Daughter** – Kim Lambert is chair. The dance is set for Saturday, February 20. The theme this year is I Love You to the Moon and Back Again. The committee decided to keep the photo booth which is $200 per hour. Kim shared that food costs will go up next year. Food must be purchased from Aramark since the event is held on campus. Currently the cake is $38.99 and will increase to $59.99.

- **Mother Son** – No chair at this time. There is an $800 budget.

- **Book Fair** – JuLee Comer is chair. The Book Fair is scheduled for the last full week of school, May 16 - 20. Teachers will not send home Scholastic orders home for May to encourage purchasing books at the fair.

- **End of the Year Party** – Trina Menifee is the chair. Event is scheduled for May 24. Pizza, cookies (from the Charter kitchen), and water will be provided for all Charter students. Trina’s child is graduating this year from Charter so we will need a new chair for next year. If interested in chairing next year you are encouraged to shadow Trina this year.

- **Family Event** – No chair at this time. Since there is no chair PTO has decided to use the $500 towards the Charter’s Sunset Event on Tuesday, November 17 at 4:30pm. PTO’s money will go towards the purchase of cookies. Lysa Hagan said there will be hotdogs, chips, cookies, and water. The SFA Steel Drum Band and the Old Time String Shop are scheduled to perform. Jane Long said she will check to see if the Family Event committee would like to help getting the cookies out.

V. **New Business**

- A parent inquired why Charter takes off the whole week of Thanksgiving and not follow the SFA calendar. Lysa Hagan explained that in past years when Charter stayed with the SFA calendar the Charter School had dramatic decrease in attendance.
• Olga asked if Charter would be able to provide free flu vaccinations. There was discussion and Lysa Hagan said it would be hard to make that happen but she would check into it.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.