Charter PTO General Meeting

August 25, 2015

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Jane Long. 41 people were in attendance.

II. Minutes were approved for the May 5, 2015 meeting by Julie Shackelford.

III. Officer Reports

- President, Jane Long took a moment to recognize the faculty and staff of Charter that were in attendance.
- Vice President, Linda Bobo requested that once chairs have their event date set to let her know so she can update the website. She has also asked that chairs from the 2014-2015 year please bring her their binders so this year’s chairs could benefit from their experience. At member’s leisure, look at the By-laws and let Linda know if you feel an amendment needs to be made.
- Faculty Liaison, Jana McCall expressed appreciation to the PTO for helping Charter start the school year off with the success of Meet the teacher and Tears and Cheers. Jana explained that Charter will be hosting Morning Meetings in the Evening events so parents can meet other parents in their child’s room as well as get a better understanding on an important part of their child’s learning day. Please keep an eye out for when your child’s grade will be hosting this event.
- Treasurer, Emily Penney reviewed the 2015-2016 budget sharing there is a $4,947.50 surplus.

IV. Committee Reports

- Meet the Teacher- Linda Bobo chaired. Linda shared that the popcorn event was a success and would be glad to take new ideas for next year.
- Tears and Cheers- Chrissy Canti chaired. Jane Long shared how this was the first year the Charter school kitchen was used for the purchasing of food and how it was a good success.
- Homecoming Parade- Shelly Cook is chair. The parade will be Saturday, October 31. The theme is Zombies and Zools. Jane Long is looking into seeing if it will be appropriate for our Charter students to participate.
- Fall Festival- Lori Harkness is chair. The trunk or treat is set for the morning on October 30.
- Membership Committee- Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman are co chairs. They will be gathering new memberships tonight.
- Directory- Charter school office has requested to take this back under them.
- **Fundraising** - Linda Bobo and Rebecca Higgins are co-chairs. Walk a Thon’s theme is Walk Through Texas. Kick off will be Monday, August 31 and the event will be Friday, October 9 at 9:00am. New this year will be the ability to take online donations which will be explained in the parent packet coming home Monday. The classroom at each collection period with the most donations (not including sponsorship) will receive the spirit stick and a brownie party. The student/s with the largest sponsorship at each collection period will decide on a school wide spirit activity such as backward shirt day, silly sock day, … Linda and Rebecca are still taking names of parents who would like to volunteer with this event.

- **Teacher Appreciation** - Kim Boyer is chair. Jane Long provided a recap on what this committee has done in the past.

- **Yearbook** - No chair at this time. Jane Long reported that this chair helps gather pictures that were taken over the year and place them in a template provided by Greg Patterson’s Studio. Linda Bobo raised a question if the classroom teachers were going to have a classroom mom that dealt with pictures so it would be easier for the chair to get pictures from each classroom.

- **Pay It Forward** - Rebecca Higgins is chair. Rebecca Higgins recapped on the 2014-2015 events sponsored by this committee: Purple Santa, shoe drive, Valentine’s letters to community service workers, Haiti project, and recycling bins within the school.

- **Father/Daughter** - Kim Lamburt is chair. The event is scheduled for February 20 at the SFA Grand Ball room. The budget is $800 and there will be no charge for the event this year. Look for more information as we get closer to this event.

- **Mother/Son** - No chair at this time. Jane Long reported on past events. The budget is $800.

- **Family Event** - No chair at this time. Julie Shackelford recapped on last year’s event as a movie in downtown plaza. She suggested that the event be early in the spring and on school grounds.

- **Book Fair Committee** - Julie Shackelford is chair. Last year was the first year for PTO to run the event, raising $1,817.62. PTO was able to provide each teacher a $100 shopping spree. This year’s Book Fair will be May 16 – 20. The theme will be decided upon in November when Scholastics gives us the options.

- **End of the Year Party** - Trina Menefee is chair. Event is scheduled for May 24, 2016 from 4:30 – 7:30 at the SFA pool. Pizza, cookies, and water will be provided. Jane Long mentioned that this will be Trina Menefee’s last year as a parent at Charter so please consider chairing the event in the future.

V. Old Business
Junior Jacks Make Great Student shirts have been ordered for all Charter students and new staff members. $1,850 was budgeted with expenses only being $1,475.60. In a few weeks order forms will go out in Monday folders providing an opportunity to order long sleeve shirts and/or hooded sweat shirts. Non bling car decals will also be available for purchase. Amy Mooneyham has for purchase a few bling car decals.

VI. New Business
- Budget- Jane Long reported on the changes that were made to the budget this year compared to last year. Mother/Son event was raised to $800 and Father/Daughter was lowered to $800. Casey Watts made a motion to accept the budget for 2015-2016 and Angie McKinney second that motion. The motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.
- Foreign Language- Lysa Hagan addressed a parent’s question of why the Charter does not offer foreign language at the school. Lysa explained that Charter has tried in the past to have a foreign language class but it is difficult to find a teacher that provides instruction that matches Charter’s philosophy of learning. Charter assigns a minimal amount of homework so parents can provide opportunities for extracurricular activities without the burden on a lot of homework.

VII. Announcements
- Next PTO meeting will be held on November 12 at 5:45pm. Child care will be provided
- Walk a Thon will be held Friday, October 9 at 9:00am

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm