

**RIVERFIELD PTA
GENERAL MEETING**

APR

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Dana Alger

Called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS/WELCOME Amy Crawford

- Special PTA meeting to introduce PTA to school – “Get to Know the PTA”
- What does the PTA do?
 - Is the parent’s voice for things that impact Riverfield
 - Acts as school fundraiser
 - Fosters community
- What doesn’t PTA do?
 - Deal with curriculum issues
 - Get involved with teacher issues
- If parents have concerns about curriculum issues – they can come to PTA meetings and express these concerns to Principal
- Role of President-elect is to support the President. Accompanies to meetings with principal and town-wide PTA President meetings

Secretary Mary Cannon

- Role of Secretary is to take minutes at General and Exec Bd PTA meetings and have them posted to PTA website for communication with the school

Treasurer Maureen Valus and Monica Booth

- Records and monitors income generated through fundraisers and also expenditures
- Budget is set at beginning of year so that all money that will be spent for the year is allocated appropriately

Ways and Means Dennis Pereira

- Liaison with fundraising chairs and board
- Looks for additional fundraising opportunities – like target red card promotion and “Got Books” program

Programs Mary Hanrahan

- Plans both children and adult programs
- Programs for this year include constitution day, boogie chilling about music history, Martin Luther King storytellers and each grade level has curriculum specific programs
- Adult programs include speakers at PTA meetings, including middle school staff

Communications Nora Fanning

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- Provides information to the school population through the website and sneak peek weekly newsletter

Volunteer Coordinators Krista Carroll and Elizabeth Stern

- Find parent volunteers for different committees and help determine time commitment for each position

Board of Education Reps Cathleen Davenport, Nikki Vinoski and Johanna Farrell

- BOE discusses policies, budget and listens to community concerns
- Many meetings discuss budget – and with Riverfield renovation plan upcoming, have to have parent support to help keep this in the budget
- Agenda and BOE minutes are posted on their website if miss meetings
- Dr. Title blog has lots of good information

PTA Council Reps Laura Hunt, Julie Smith and Kristin Berry

- Attend meetings with the intent of exchanging information between the various PTA organizations in town

SEPTA Rep Kristin Willer

- Share information from SEPTA (Special Ed PTA) meetings back to home school
- Raise awareness of SEPTA and try to increase membership

Past President Maureen Sawyer

- Advises current PTA President
- Heads nominating committee to fill Exec. Bd positions
- Chairperson for teacher and learning grants committee
- T and L grant money distribution for the year was discussed

Committee Report Amy Crawford

- Brief overview of some of the PTA sponsored committees – including after school adventures, gift wrap, spirit wear, and winter fair – among others

Upcoming meetings: November 18, 2011 - Coffee with Mr. Toaso. 9:30 AM in the APR

Next PTA General Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am