



Casa Esperanza Montessori

October Parent/Faculty Meeting

October 3, 2018/ 8:30 AM/ Faculty Lounge

Executive Officers:

Ghenet Mogos & Teresa Lockhart, Co-Presidents; Ghenet Yosief, Vice President; Bryan Lanspery, Treasurer; Kristen King, Secretary

Members Present:

Sra. Ibis Nunez, **Ghenet Mogos**, Adrienne Scigliano, Claudia Huntener, Sandra Rodriguez, Rocio Rojas, Rachel Banyal, **Kristen King**, **Ghenet Yosief**, Teejay Lanspery, Diana Marshall, **Teresa Lockart**, Nuris Ayala, Erica Tetteh, Erin Dietsch, Johannah Sloop, Hannah Harrell, Ana Herrera, Tessa Aiku, Jennifer Harrison, Connie Omari, Sarah Slipsky, Jennifer Fuller

AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order Ghenet Mogos called the meeting to order at 8:30.

*Ghenet Mogos begins the meeting with a budget summary provided by Bryan, Treasurer, in his absence.

- Main bank account at \$4,483.79
 - Net \$1,260 decrease from last month
 - Casa gear purchase to fulfill orders
 - First teacher luncheon (did have more family contributions come in as well)
 - Staff appreciation gestures per Casa's rating improvement
 - Securing Hill Ridge for Fall Festival
 - RazKids science add-on
 - Received first Mabel's Labels check and Harris Teeter check from last year (push shopping card link, Amazon Smile)
 - Casa Gear and teacher luncheon money continues to trickle in
 - Scrip Account at \$3,039.28
 - up \$203 from last month, front office sales
 - current front office inventory is 108 cards worth \$1,260
 - some cards are very old (we may want to discount them to move them)
 - Savings at \$3,571.20
 - will be using this balance to pay for playground equipment (this week) (remind folks to help with playground)
 - Big stuff for this month:
 - United Artists to be paid
 - PFA funded Fall Festival expenses
 - should start receiving money from earlier activities, such as 1st Day School Supplies

- *Sra. Nunez expresses feelings of gratitude to the PFA for boosting morale with their signs of appreciation regarding the increase in test scores, carpool, etc.
 - she mentions the upcoming Fall Intersession, mandatory teacher conferences on Oct. 22
 - she speaks about the Artist in Residence: Kindergarten-2nd grade will be performing theater, older student will be writing plays centered around the Native Americans regarding The Peace Treaty. Results of these studies will be displayed in December during our Cultural Arts presentation.

- *Ghenet Yosief updates everyone on the Fall Festival.
 - introduces the flyer
 - informs of the selling of tickets in carpool (cash, check)
 - Sra. Salcedo suggests having a table in the lobby on the teacher conference day to sell tickets
 - Sarah Slipsky will advertise the festival on Facebook
 - Ghenet Mogos mentions that the Middle Graders will be selling pizza, and the Upper Elementary students will be selling snacks there
 - Ghenet M. and Teresa Lockhart mention that pre-paid receipts should be taken to the gate at the festival in order to receive wrist bands for entrance
 - Sarah Slipsky suggests upping the price at the gate so people are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance
 - TeeJay Lansperly asks if tickets can be donated, as she is a family of three, but can buy four tickets for \$30

- *Teresa discusses the new Sponsorship kit
 - describes the kit as a year long sponsorship whereby ads are sold to local businesses
 - the idea is to laminate the logos (interchangeable), and place them on the backdrop, use for yearbook, put on social media, and provide their information in Casa emails
 - TeeJay recommends the backdrop be reuseable from year to year
 - Ghenet M discusses the interest in the adds and that 2 event postings of an for \$150, or 3 event postings for \$300
 - Teresa suggests walking around to local businesses
 - Sarah Slipsky suggests creating a spreadsheet to track the ad purchases and make sure the businesses all receive thank you cards
 - Ghenet M. mentions that some businesses offer giftcards instead of purchasing ads
 - Jennifer Fuller recommends that we accept these giftcards for later use instead of retracing our steps

- *Ghenet M. updates the PFA as to the success of the teacher luncheons in Julie Stevenson's absence. It is also mentioned that the book fair preparation progress is going well.

- *Ghenet M. updates that Cari Combs has stepped down as Co-Vice President, and that the position will not be replaced

- *Ghenet updates that the United Artist form and money will be delivered this week

- *Teresa discusses the yearbook
 - Teresa passes around an outline for available yearbook volunteer positions
 - positions include media organizers and help organizing the photographs
 - the goal is to keep the yearbook fresh and exciting, and she requests help through the sign up

- *Ghenet M. discusses progress on the Playground structure
 - October 8 (8:00 am) and October 10 (afternoon) will be the removal of the old structure
 - the PFA will pay for discounted childcare so that volunteers can help
 - Sarah and Erin mention that it is free to dump the old structure at the Landfill off of Durant Road
 - Sarah will do facebook posts to request demolition help, along with needing trucks, tools, gloves, and a trailer
 - October 15 the new structure will be installed

- *Ghenet M discusses that the Square 1 Art was delivered to the company
 - we should have the packages back on October 11

*Johanna discusses the November 7 fundraiser at Pielogy

-Sarah will make a flyer to promote it

-Johanna mentions that McTeacher night will be in January and City BBQ in February

*TeeJay updates the PFA on the Touchtank

-Julie Stevenson made a sign up for volunteering sessions

-Rachel informs that sessions were made up from the Friday of the hurricane when school was closed

-they are trying to find a Tuesday volunteer

-volunteers are needed for 1/2 hour sessions which are made up of an activity, book, & the kids exploring the tank

-it is also mentioned that Heather cleaned the tank in the front lobby

-Ghenet M asks if it's possible to provide an adult class to inform and train volunteers

-Sra. Nunez suggests making a sign up to train teachers as well

*Ghenet M updates that Laura Chapman has successfully trained photocopy volunteers

-PFA expresses immense gratitude for all of her hard work

-it is mentioned that these volunteers could fill in with Friday folders where needed

*Erin discusses that the PFA send an email to Room Parents requesting that they send class emails quarterly updating the class with volunteering needs

-Jennifer Fuller recommends monthly reminder emails

NEW BUSINESS

*Teresa discusses the idea of a Mini Food Truck Rally in the spring as a fundraiser

-perhaps a percentage of the sales or a tip could be donated to Casa

-she also mentions maybe picking up Chick-fil-a to sell at carpool & perhaps Casa could earn 15% of sales

*TeeJay presents the idea of the PFA selling coffee in carpool

*Johanna discusses the possibility of another Parent's Night Out

-Adrienne requests that we do one in February where the upper grades could assist the younger children in making Valentines

*Jennifer Fuller recommends that we discuss these ideas with the School Development Committee

-Sra. Nunez recommends meeting with Dalton Onorato to discuss these opportunities

-Sarah will send an email to the Middle Grades

*Sra. Nunez states that the Student Council will be elected soon, and it would be a good idea for a representative to attend our PFA meetings

*TeeJay asks if there is any interest in a Mom's Walking Group after morning carpool

*Diana suggests doing another Potluck Dinner in the spring since the last one was so successful

*Adrienne had the idea of creating a Casa Cookbook

-Ghenet M has begun collecting recipes

*Johanna discusses the idea of having a rose sale in February

-Sra. Salcedo suggests selling flower and chocolate through pre-order

Ghenet adjourns the meeting at 9:25 am.