



Casa Esperanza Montessori

Parent Faculty Association Meeting

August 7, 2019, 8:30 a.m. Faculty Lounge

Executive Officers:

Co-Presidents: Ghenet Mogos and Teresa Lockhart
Co-Vice Presidents: Kristen King and Laura Chapman
Treasurer: Ghenet Yosief
Secretary: TeeJay Lanspery
Head of School: Sra. GeRita Connor
Board Members: Monique Taylor and Monica Dixon Perry

AGENDA:

General welcome and attendance
Luncheon Budget
Skate Party Fundraiser
Fall Festival
STEM/STEAM Night
Fall Pictures
Sponsorship
Playground Update
Family Night
Passive Fundraising
Bylaws
Auction
Terracycle
Committees
Teacher/Staff Birthdays
Square One Art
CPR Training
Budget

MINUTES:

- The PFA and all attendees spoke **introductions** and gave relevant background to Casa.
- **Luncheon budget** was discussed by Julie Stevenson and the PFA gave the amount raised by Casa Community so far. This successful fundraising is still ongoing.
- **Skate Party** was spoken about as the event will raise funds for the Playground. The date is set for August 29th from 6-8:30 p.m. Price is \$6.50 for rental and \$3.50 for admission. Staff and their children will be paid for again by the PFA.
- **Fall Festival** is set to take place at Hill Ridge Farms again this year as it was a great success last year for the Casa Community.
- **STEM/STEAM Night** is being detailed for later as it is still under work.
- **Fall Pictures** are set for August 28th. Uniforms are to be worn as usual. Reminders are coming. Details will be posted for linking Community to Shutterfly and Tiny Prints. Casa earns money back via this route.

- **Sponsorship** was generally discussed and details were mentioned specifically as to the current members on the banner already in place at the school. Facebook mentions are going well to highlight the various contributors to Casa. There will be another Sponsor Breakfast upcoming for our donors to mingle and network.
- **Playground Committee** had exciting updates to the playground to report. Previous fundraising has purchased a GaGa pit and gorgeous benches to replace the older benches. Funds are being sought to purchase a mega-dome too.
- **Family Nights** were discussed as they are a great community builder and fundraiser. It was suggested to tie in Family Nights to be the evening to an afternoon of Casa Connection fun. Tying the two opportunities into one emphasis with various points for connection.
- **Passive Fundraising** is a huge umbrella at Casa. Several ways to give like Amazon Smile, grocery cards, and Mabel's Labels were discussed. More will be forthcoming as the year progresses with e-mail and web links.
- **Bylaws** were briefly mentioned as they need updating since the PFA was required to change them by the Board last year before the new PFA took office. Since it was not completed, last year's PFA struggled to get them updated and have their updates approved for legal language.
- **Auction** was mentioned as the successful fundraising from last year secured extra items that were transferred to guarantee that each class gets \$100 dollars for materials.
- **Terracycle** details were given as to how this passive fundraiser is going this year and items that have changed.
- **Committees** were discussed to allow the large attending audience a perspective on all of the various items the PFA works on all year. Each Committee has pertinent dates, events and sub-committee needs to be met by the Officers as well as Lead Volunteers and a cadre of rotating volunteers.
- **Teacher/Staff Birthdays** were mentioned as the PFA is striving to collect new Teacher information and not miss a single birthday even if school is not in session.
- **Square One Art** is not being continued this year as the logistics and volunteer assistance are untenable.
- **CPR Training** was secured by the PFA for 10 Staff members already. The PFA is working on getting more Staff trained with the school.
- **Budget** items were briefly outlined as most things to start the year are carried over from the previous year.

BOARD INTRODUCTION:

Monique and Monica introduced themselves to the community and detailed ways that the Board is seeking to assist Casa this year. Both Board members discussed procedure and ways to get the community involved with the Board meetings.

The Head of School introduced herself to the room and detailed many ways she is open for Casa Community members to get involved. She discussed her open-door policy, monthly forum, Sunday calls, School Clubs, a bi-annual exhibition of talents, Room Parent training, PowerSchool, Swift K-12, campus clean-ups.

BUDGET:

Separate document "attached".