



Casa Esperanza Montessori

# Parent Faculty Association Meeting

## **Casa Esperanza Montessori PFA Meeting Minutes**

**October 2, 2019, 8:30 a.m.**

Co-Presidents: Ghenet Mogos and Teresa Lockhart

Co-Vice Presidents: Kristen King and Laura Chapman

Treasurer: Ghenet Yosief

Secretary: TeeJay Lanspery

Head of School: GeRita Connor

Board Members: Monica Dixon Perry

### **Agenda:**

General welcome and attendance

Passive Fundraising Committee

Education Committee

Hospitality Committee

Events Committee

School Support

Playground

Active Fundraising Committee

Budget Update

Communications Committee

Board Update

### **Minutes:**

#### **Passive Fundraising Committee:**

Discussion about ways to use grocery trips, purchases, labels, pictures, terracycling, etc. to contribute to Casa.

Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)); grocery stores; Box Tops program raised \$217.20

([boxtops4education.com](https://boxtops4education.com)); Mabel's Labels (click on "support a fundraiser" & select Casa Esperanza

([mabelslabels.com](https://mabelslabels.com)); Shutterfly ([cemcs.shutterflystorefront.com](https://cemcs.shutterflystorefront.com)); Pictures (class photos); Terracycle

(push for an Earth Day materials gathering for extra income return)

#### **Education Committee:**

United Artist bios were discussed, schedule and projects were outlined and a request for volunteers was made; Butterfly Project updated to note payment/enrollment is complete with 21 Teachers participating; Marine Club sessions are full and volunteers are needed;

Garden planning painting the planter boxes via a Sign-up Genius to get them beautiful and protected

**Hospitality:**

Staff Appreciation was discussed including Janitorial staff, requesting feedback from Teachers and offering weekly treats; an updated spreadsheet was created for all Teachers and Staff as to favorite things; Teacher Luncheons and the Lounge Coffee Bar were discussed

**Events :**

There was much discussion about Fall Festival (candy/treats, Sign-up, order form development, Square sales dates available, MG will have pizza again and signage was discussed; Book Fair is readying with a Sign-up for volunteers (need help 18-22nd), the decor committee met, reminders will go out and a "save the date" will roll out; Literacy Night from 5-7 with pizzas; STEM Night was discussed with a plan for a new offering: "Doctor's Corner" panel discussion and education (date set for February 6, 2020 with NC State again

**School Support:**

Faculty grants (\$100 per classroom), CPR training was offered and 8/10 completed with the remainder of funds to Staff (allocated for possible Epi-pen training via the school); Sensory Wall/Path updates regarding the vinyl being cut, graphics are in Spanish and English, volunteers needed to get all complete for return from Fall Break; Carpool update; Donors Choose program via collaboration with Mr. Ledger; rugs we're custom dyed and donated to two classrooms

**Playground:**

Done mulch and barriers; GaGa pit repair; benches and anchors discussed

**Active Fundraising :**

Casa Gear; Kendra Scott coming up in November; Chipotle raised \$205; sponsorship is going great

**Budget Update :**

A question was raised about utilizing our tax exempt status

**Communications Committee:**

Continuing to get PFA Committee updates out in a timely fashion to the public

**Board update:**

Monica updated attendees on the Board's progress with their Facilities Committee meeting (Casa still has 5-6 years left on our lease)

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