

PTA GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
November 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order (Erin Binner)
  - a. Motion to Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion made and seconded – Minutes from 09/07/2023 Meeting Approved
    - i. All minutes can be found on our PTA Facebook page and also on our PTA website at [www.arnoldespta.com](http://www.arnoldespta.com)
  
- II. Officer Reports
  - a. President’s Report (Erin Binner): encompassed within committees.
  - b. Vice President’s Report (Katie Fields)
  - c. Treasurer’s Report (Kim Toll): Fall Festival numbers are reflected in month of number (\$368 loss) Not a profit-making event.
    - i. Approval of Checks- #4635-4643 a total of 9 checks – Motion for Approval -Seconded - Checks approved.
    - ii. Will do budget realignment at next PTA meeting in February
  
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Arnold Fun Run (Brandon Fields & Liz Cawthorne):
    - i. We made \$36,985 in profit through donations and sponsorships.
    - ii. Boosterthon provided lessons and workshops, engaged students, and kids’ energy was strong! We got positive feedback from teachers and parents.
    - iii. Some statistics: 78% of school registered, 65% of registered students had a donation, 67% of money given was not from parents (grandparents, other relatives).
    - iv. Overall, Winner: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Ms. Clarke’s class
    - v. Corporate matching can give us an extra \$2300—will reach out to those people who have that ability through their employer.
    - vi. Mrs. Kauffman loved the energy and music and excitement it brought to the school.
  - b. Room Parents (Aidanora Stea & Ashley Goodnow): will send out an email to room parents about holiday collection for teachers. \$25 from each class to go towards specials teachers and front office staff. Next up will be Valentine’s Parties in February. There are no classroom holiday parties.
    - i. We will brainstorm ways to get the parent email lists to the room parents sooner in the Fall to try and make Fall Festival not such a rush for sign up help.
  - c. Fall Festival (Lauren Burleigh & Polly Offutt): moving indoors was a smooth transition. Preorders of wrist bands and food was a success. Financials presented in treasurer’s report. Everything was priced to break even.

- d. Teacher and Staff Appreciation (Kali O’Leary & Katie Pappianou): pencil dispenser giveaway (Mrs. Gassen and Mrs. Tanis won), staff breakfast in November, chili luncheon and hot cocoa bar before Christmas break.
  - e. Holiday Breakfast (Toni Adams): Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-12pm  
Chevys food truck will be providing pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. There will be a coffee bar for specialty coffee for sale. Santa will be here for photos, face painting, sELFie photos, etc.
  - f. Holiday Secret Shop (Jenn Muller): 1,000 items to sell (more than double last year), all between \$1-5. Items for kids, adults, baby, and pets.
  - g. Sweet Spring Soiree (Teri McCalpin): Date TBD. Event will be at AES. Will be a family dance including drinks, snacks, silent auction, outdoor games, photo booth. Silent auction will help to fund capital campaign, more geared towards kids items (businesses can donate kids items).
  - h. Communications (Jess Skretch): Jess has designed all of our flyers, communications, images, etc.
- IV. Principal’s Report (Mrs. Kauffman) Thank you for all the support PTA brings to the school. It is much appreciated.
- a. Open to suggestions of how-to spread-out fall activities more because fall is such a busy time.
- V. Adjournment (Erin Binner)
- a. Next PTA Meeting is Thursday February 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the AES Cafeteria. Babysitting will be provided. Please get any items you would like on the agenda to Erin Binner no later than January 30, 2024. You can email her at [erinsbinner@gmail.com](mailto:erinsbinner@gmail.com).
  - b. Other Upcoming Events:
    - i. Math Night – Thursday February 29th
    - ii. Class Valentine Parties – Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. AES Fundraiser @ The Pointe – Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> (all proceeds to go into fund for outdoor learning pavilion)