

Kawameeh Middle School PTA
Executive Board Meeting
501 Malcolm Rd., Union, NJ 07083
October 11, 2017

Call to Order: President Dawn O'Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 22 members in attendance (list is attached). Also attending was Teacher Liaison Mrs. Kelly.

Invocation and Flag Salute: Given by Jean Alfano
"Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, not one else." - Les Brown

Minutes: The minutes of all meetings are on file with the KMSPTA Secretary and are also posted on the KMS website under PTA.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Nadyrah Amin-Fenner.
The Balance as of September 13, 2017 was \$8,467.48. Total deposits were \$2,465.00. Total disbursements were \$264.23. Working balance as of October 11, 2017 is \$10,668.25, less allocated funds (Kawameeh Chiefs) of \$3,995.36, leaves an actual cash on hand amount of \$6,672.89.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence received.

Mr. Malanda's Report – not in attendance

Mrs. Kelly's Report – We almost have 100% teacher participation in PTA membership. There are 7 more teachers that have yet to join but she will reach out to them this week. The KMS TeePee news is printed quarterly and all submissions should be emailed to Mrs. Kelly for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

- **By Law Committee** – The Bylaws of KMSPTA will expire on September 13, 2018. Renewal of said Bylaws must be done prior to the expiration date.
- **Volunteer Solicitation** – We are always looking for volunteers for events. Chairpersons will receive paperwork to call on those interested in participating. Please consider volunteering!
- **Kona Ice** – The Kona Ice Truck has been arriving after school twice a week and will continue until the colder weather arrives. Kona Ice donates a portion of the proceeds to the PTA. Last year we received a check around \$300.00.
- **Clothing Drive – Saturday, November 4th, 8am – Noon**
Flyers will be going around announcing our Fall Clothing Drive. Please notify your friends and neighbors and ask them to donate any clothes, shoes, belts, blankets, etc. Now is a good time to clean those closets for the coming holidays. We need to gather at least 100 bags! Volunteers are needed to oversee the collection and children who need service hours can earn them here. Please contact any Board Member if you are interested.

- **Ice Cream Social – Friday, October 20th, 6:30pm – 8pm** Our upcoming Ice Cream Social is for the 6th and 7th graders of KMS. Remember, this is not a drop off, parents are responsible for their child. Please fill out your form if you are interested in attending, we must know how many are coming to have enough ice cream for everyone! The Fire Department has generously offered to set up some outdoor lighting so children and family members can mosey outside and mingle. The PTA is considering some entertainment for the children for the evening. Some ideas include a Velcro Body Slam Wall, a Bouncy House or an Obstacle Course. Please contact Paula Martinez at martinez0512@msn.com if you wish to help or have any other ideas.
- **Bowling Night???** - The PTA was inquiring whether or not to do another bowling night. Last year, 40 children and their parents showed up and had a wonderful time. We would like to see if more parents would be interested. Please let us know.
- **Pasta Night/Basketball Game/Vendor Night** – Pasta Night is going to be held on January 25, 2018, future flyers will be coming. However, we would like to include it with some entertainment. Some ideas we are throwing out there include faculty and students interacting in a basketball game, volleyball game or karaoke. The karaoke idea seemed to be a hit and more information will be gathered. If you have any ideas we would love to hear from you.
- **Reflections “Within Reach”** – Reflection is an arts program that encourages students to explore their talents and express themselves artistically based on a common theme. They are recognized for bringing that theme to life through dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. Mrs. Kelly will ask all English and Arts Teachers to see if any children are interested in participating. If so, we will need a volunteer to chair this program. If you are interested, you can read more about this program online at ptareflections.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Membership** – At this time we have approximately 152 members. You should have received your PTA membership card by email. If not, please contact Dalia at freshsmile@verizon.net or Jean at nickandnanny@verizon.net and we will look into it.
- **Spirit Wear** – Orders for Spirit Wear must be submitted by October 15th. This is the last day with no exceptions! So far, only 40 orders have been received, so get them in NOW.
- **50/50 Raffle** – Our Open House 50/50 was won by Jeff Monge in the amount of \$147. Mr. Monge graciously donated his winnings back to the PTA! The PTA warmly thanks him for his kind-hearted generosity.
- **Box Tops** – Thanks to all for continuing to participate in collecting those box tops. Our first mailing is going out on November 1st.

- **Kawameeh Chiefs** – A Kawameeh Chief has been handed out to certain graduating students each year. Our previous provider of statues has gone out of business and we are working with Crown Trophy of Greenbrook to continue the tradition. However, prices have escalated over the years and we must change the appearance of the statues, specifically the finish. Samples were offered at the meeting with the majority of members opting for a resin finish.
- **Snack Sale** – is open for business every Friday after school. Refreshments are offered for \$0.50 to \$1.00.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **October 20th** – Ice Cream Social
- **October 27th** – half day of school
- **November 15th** - PTA Meeting 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Alfano
KMS PTA Secretary