

Kawameeh Middle School PTA
Executive Board Meeting
501 Malcolm Rd., Union, NJ 07083
November 15, 2017

Call to Order: President Dawn O'Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. There were 18 members in attendance, only 14 signed in (list is attached).

Excused: Nadyrah Amin-Fenner. Also attending was Teacher Liaison Mrs. Kelly.

Invocation and Flag Salute: Given by Jean Alfano

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." - Joshua J. Marine

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

Treasurer's Report: Given by Dawn O'Flaherty for Nadyrah Amin-Fenner. The Balance as of October 11, 2017 was \$10,668.25. Total deposits were \$644.00. Total disbursements were \$2,279.88. Working balance as of November 3, 2017 is \$9,032.37, less allocated funds (Kawameeh Chiefs) of \$3,995.36, leaves an actual cash on hand amount of \$3,237.01.

Correspondence: We received a check, in the amount of \$479.20, for participating in the Clothing Drive.

Mr. Malanda's Report – not in attendance

Mrs. Kelly's Report – 100% teacher participation in PTA membership is still ongoing. The KMS TeePee news is printed quarterly and all submissions should be emailed to Mrs. Kelly for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ice Cream Social** – About 100 students partook of the good weather and great time at our ice cream social. They enjoyed participating in the Obstacle Course and the Bungee Cord games. The Union Fire Department supplied a spotlight for the enjoyment of those who ventured outside to socialize and mingle. A big Thank You to Paula Martinez for chairing this function!
- **Kona Ice** – Apparently, the Kona Ice truck we had been seeing in the warm days of the beginning of the school year did not belong to the person who graciously agreed to donate a portion of the sales back to the PTA. However, he will be coming to the school in the spring/summer when the weather warms.
- **Clothing Drive** – We had a wonderful turnout which resulted in 179 bags of donated items and we received a check for \$479.20 for our efforts! Thank you to Jeanine, Paula Martinez, Fernanda DaCruz, MaryKathryn Kelley, Jean Alfano and Dawn O'Flaherty (who put this all together) and anyone else I may have forgotten. We will be having another Clothing Drive sometime in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Teacher Luncheon** -The luncheon will be held on December 15th. An email blast will be going out with information on what items are needed. Please consider donating some homemade goods as we all enjoy and appreciate the thoughtfulness to others.
- **Holiday Shows** – The Vocal Show will be on December 12th and the Instrumental Show will be on December 13th. Both shows will start at 7pm. The PTA will be selling 50/50 tickets along with snacks and drinks for your enjoyment before the shows starting at 6:30. A General PTA Meeting will be held before the shows start.
- **Bowling Night** – Stay tuned for the date of our Bowling Night. It is a wonderful time to do something as a family and meet others.
- **Pasta Night** – You’ve all been waiting for it and here it is! Our Pasta Night will be held on January 25th in the cafeteria. Donation letters will be sent out after the holidays to ask for trays of pasta. If you are on a familiar basis with your local Italian restaurant, please ask us for a donation letter to give to them. Afterwards we will have a night of Karaoke! Come see and hear your friends and family TRY to show their talent. It’s going to be a blast!!!
- **Color Run** – A suggestion was made to have the Color Run around the school building into the parking lot. The Union Fire Department has even volunteered to hose down the affair afterward. Bonus!
- **By Laws Committee** – The Bylaws of KMSPTA will expire on September 13, 2018. Renewal of said Bylaws must be done prior to the expiration date. A meeting date has yet to be set but anyone interested can talk to Dawn O’Flaherty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Membership** – given by Dalila Rengifo
At this time we have approximately 166 members. You should have received your PTA membership card by email. If not, please contact Dalila at freshsmile@verizon.net. Membership applications will be mailed home inside students report card folders.
- **Spirit Wear** – We received 62 orders for Spirit Wear which netted us a profit of \$450. Way to go KMS! We will be having another sale sometime in the Spring. Thanks to Lizy Perez for working hard to make sure this project ran perfectly!
- **Box Tops** – Your efforts in sending in those box tops will be netting us a check for \$115. Not bad for sending in little bits of paper! Thanks to Lisa Brophy for donating her time and effort to this project!
- **Kawameeh Chiefs** – We have contracted with Crown Trophy of Greenbrook to make the statues. We are asking anyone who has a good relationship with a merchant, to hand deliver our donation letter to them. Mailing the letters has not proven profitable to our cause.

- **Snack Sale** – Our snack sale has been running every Friday after school in the Main Lobby and is doing well. Refreshments are offered for \$0.50 to \$1.00. Thanks to all who help out!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Kathleen Bruns-Meyers has stepped forward to chair the Reflections Program. She has registered Kawameeh Middle School for the program. A huge thank you for taking on this project!
- When is the Color Run? It will be sometime in April. Date will be forthcoming.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **November 22nd** – half day of school
- **November 23rd and 24th** – school is closed for Thanksgiving

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Alfano
KMS PTA Secretary