**PTA General Assembly Evening Meeting October 12, 2021**

Attendants- Julie Crow, Sarah Wilson, Katie Hinely, Gina Trent, Bridget Tucker, Kim Keskitalo, Trevor Matthes,

**Call to order: 6:35 pm**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Checking Account Balance: $7,629.93
* Money Market Balance: $27,026.60
* Minutes and balances were already approved this morning

**Old Business:**

* **Attractions:** we did not do as well this year, so next year we will be sending them home so that hopefully boosts sales; people seem to need the thing in their hand
* **Bingo Night:** BIG success and we were all thrilled
* **Book Fair:** also a HUGE success
* **Yearbook:** yearbook is due around Spring Break, so please send pictures to eatonyearbookpictures@gmail.com
* **Courtyard:**
  + Phase 1- cleanup day is October 16th from 8-12; we need volunteers to help clean it all up
  + There will be lots of pulling up of trees and shrubs, cleaning up, and making it so that the teachers can see out their windows
  + The county will not upkeep this area, so we need to be cognizant of how we design it
  + We discussed pest control because there are a lot of fire ants; the county is very particular about what kind of chemicals to use
  + Jamie will fill out any work orders that are needed
  + This is a multi-phase project, so right now we just want to focus on cleaning it out. We do have a school family whose landscape business is willing to help.
  + Julie put in an application with Work on Wilmington for benches in the area and she asked for mulch as well.
  + We talked about Eagle Scouts possibly doing some projects as well.

**New Business:**

* **Fall Festival:** Gina Trent gave an overview of the Fall Festival
  + Friday, November 4, 4:00-6:30 and all outdoors
  + If it rains, we may have to turn it into a Spring Fling
  + Room parents just need to focus on the baskets
  + There will be a schoolwide sign up for volunteers (shifts will be divided into 30 min increments)
* **Baskets:** we discussed what to send out as room parents to generate more donations; big ticket items can be auctioned off separately
* **Fall Spirit Wear:** information was sent out yesterday; this is the last order of the school year so let’s push the sales
  + There is usually a two-week turnaround; we will sell extras at Fall Festival
* **Spirit Week:** we will plan this for January because we have nothing on the calendar; we scheduled this for the week of January 24th
* **Eaton Tour of Lights:** we are going to try this again this year; Julie explained how it works and it is a free event; more information to come
  + The winner will be announced on December 13
  + The families will have about two weeks to see all the lights
  + We are hoping to have someone make signs for the houses since seeing the house numbers can be difficult at night
* **Yearbook Ads:** quarter, half, or full page ads for both businesses and personal (fifth grade families, etc.); Julie reached out to Strawbridge today to discuss; Trevor asked about pricing and we will get that information soon
* **Chicken Salad Chick:** we are asking families to donate $10 to provide a staff member lunch; we have $300 so far, so we need $400 more; we will do this no matter what, but we would love to offset this cost
  + Money is due on Friday and the lunch in next Tuesday for teachers
* **Texas Roadhouse giftcards:** we get 10% for giftcard purchases; the year before COVID, we made $1000, but last year we only made $70; this year they will send packets home, as they found that this helped with sales tremendously; these go out before Christmas
  + Everyone agreed that we should try this again

**Mrs. Reiner:** She thanked everyone for Chicken Salad Chick; she also let everyone know that Ms. Mitchell needs volunteers, especially in the morning and afternoon for book checkouts

**Calendar:**

* **October 16th- Courtyard Workday 8-12**
* **October 27th- Papa Murphy’s**
* **November 5th- Fall Festival**
* **November 9th- Next PTA Meeting 9:00 am**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 pm**