Arcadia PTO General Meeting

January 31, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

 Amanda McCauley - Welcome and thank you to so many parents for coming tonight

* The agenda is also available on the website
* We are being conscious of paper usage this year so there is only one copy of the minutes per table and the minutes were sent to the general board as well. Reminder that only PTO members are allowed to vote.

*Lori Arndt made a motion to approve the minutes from the last PTO General Meeting. Michelle Himmelberg 2nd, motion passed.*

**Treasurer’s Report – Lori Arndt**

* The budget is on each table for you to look over. This is a working budget but we are tracking well so far this year.
* If you have any questions she is happy to answer now or later.

**Slate for 2017-2018 Kelley Pierce**

* Without volunteers there is no PTO. It’s a rewarding experience so please consider filling a position.
* So far we have:
	+ Treasurer – Kevin DeGroote
	+ Communications – Melissa Darnall
	+ Secretary – Laura Wilber
* Consider a position or co-chair with a friend.

**Membership – Tracy Wasson**

* This is an easier job when shared as she does with Lezlie Richardson.
* They have divided the jobs between the two of them and they are busiest at the beginning of the year.
* Their responsibilities are to get people to sign up for membership, compile the list of members, send out tax receipts and attend one Executive Board meeting per month.
* It’s nice to be able to help raise money for the PTO and then have opinions on how it is spent.

**Fundraising Report – Laura Wilber**

* This is her first year on the board and it is a great opportunity to get to know how the school works as well as the administration.
* The responsibilities as Fundraising chair are to get information from businesses, coordinate activities and help with the auction. An example would be working with Circle K on the fuel fill up day.

Amanda says the auction is the biggest part of the fundraising chair’s job and they work with the auction chair. It is a very important position and can be co-chaired.

**Volunteers Report – Annie Rea**

* The Volunteers job is really loaded at the beginning of the year with registration but then tapers off.
* She is hoping that more of it can be moved online as well.
* She set up and runs the volunteers for Arcadia
* At the beginning of the year you collect the volunteer forms and create a spreadsheet which is then sent out to the individual chairs. After that it is quiet unless there is a specific need.

Amanda said being on the board is a great way to get involved. The board kept running records of what their jobs and time commitments were this year so it will be easy to step into their position.

Amanda as past president will still be on the board and she and Lori Arndt will still be around if help is needed. If you are interested in being on the board please speak to Amanda, Lori or anyone else on the board.

We support the school in so many ways, come join!

**Auction Update**

* The auction will be on March 24th this year. Lezlie Richardson will be chairing the event. She is still accepting volunteers to help with the event as well as a co-chair. This is a fun event with a great committee that is raising funds for Arcadia.
* Lisa Campbell is in charge of acquisitions and Gail Breidenbach is in charge of baskets.

**Principal’s Report – Mr. Slater**

Thank you for coming tonight.

Thank you to Amanda and the PTO Executive Board for all their hard work. The staff thanks you all as well.

* Ten teachers had the opportunity to observe master teachers to get ideas, see how other teachers were able to get students engaged and teach lessons in their classrooms. It was a huge success.
* Tony Vincent will be coming for an entire day on our next early release day. The teachers are excited for this opportunity.
* They are getting ready for registration and working on staffing and class sizes.
* It has been a great year for Arcadia sports. Boys basketball is undefeated and headed to playoffs. Boys soccer starts the play offs tonight and Girls soccer is headed to state as well.
* Arcadia was ranked 26th in the state out of 250 high schools.
* Referrals have gone down this year. This results in more students staying in their classrooms. Students are being respectful.

Asked for questions, there were none.

Again he can’t thank the PTO and the Executive Board enough. Not just for the money, but the help with the bookstore, one lunch, etc.. This is a team effort between staff and parents.

Amanda McCauley introduced the speaker for tonight from Not My Kid.

Meeting adjourned.