

Springer PTA Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2016

Next Meeting: October 11, 2016

Attendees: Uva Coles, Tina Duffy, Jason Hale, James Hanby, Micki Hanby, Jason Heller, Kathleen Heller, Eric Levin, Alison Oldham, Michelle Olkowski, Donna Rittenhouse, Virgena Saunders, Lynn Scanlan, Lauren Schropp, Christy Tobin, Aqui Thomas, Edward Vaughn, Pleshette Vonner, Kim Williams, Kristine Woodruff, Brandi Yoder.

Discussion Points

1. President James R Hanby welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting: Officers are below:
 - a. James Hanby – President
 - b. Alison Oldham – Secretary
 - c. Jason Heller – Treasurer
 - d. Jason Hale- Vice President
 - e. Membership Chair – Kristine Woodruff
2. **President's /Principals Update:** James Hanby
 - a. James will provide the Principal Update tonight as Dr. Woodson is receiving his Kidney!!
 - b. Star Testing began yesterday, and will run through September 20th.
 - c. Some of our afterschool clubs started today. Homework Club will start on September 30th. September 30th Headcount Day, and the Interim for first marking period.
 - d. All are proud of our **First Responders Ceremony** which occurred today, 9/12 without a hitch. There were about 50 officers in attendance. They brought cars, motorcycles, Horses, and Canines. Kids were able to interact with the officers. While not intended, the helicopter arrived from Dover at the perfect time, right as the ceremony started. Students did a great job: They were well behaved, Kids thanked the officers and presented them with plaques, student speakers had parents who were first respondents, the band played, and kids led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - e. First Fun Night, is scheduled for October. Pay attention to the Springer website for exact date.
3. **Treasurer's Report: Jason Heller**
 - a. This year there was a hand off in the treasurer responsibilities from Micki Hanby to Jason Heller.
 - b. Jason was able to obtain a 10 year donation for QuickBooks's Online Plus, which we will use for our reporting. See Attached.
 - c. In addition there are a couple of changes we have made:

- i. We can now accept credit cards using Square. To offset the cost, there will be a .50 Cent charge. For Membership applications and Spirit Wear, we have also set up Cheddar Up.
- ii. A Cash Box Accountability form was created, basically ensuring we do a two person count of money contained within.
- iii. We eliminated PT Avenue and will use the Springer PTA tab on the website <http://www.brandywineschools.org/Page/4246> as well as our Facebook page (Springer Middle School PTA) for communications.
- d. You will see that we carried over more funds than usual. This was on purpose, to ensure that we would have money to support Springer should the referendum that passed last year have failed.
- e. Micki made Motion to approve/seconded by Kim Williams as a second. Treasurer's report



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was approved.

4. Fundraisers:

- a. Spirit Wear:
 - i. Due in part to the ability to take credit cards, we have earned \$1,295 in Spirit Wear. Forms will come home next week; however, keep a look out on the Springer website for a link where you can order online!
 - ii. On the table, are samples of the new spirit wear/new logos. Springer was founded in 1958. James' dad went here when it was Junior High, so this new shirt has a history. Last year's spirit wear will be offered at a 20% discount.
- b. Joe Corbi's (our most effective fund raiser)
 - i. Forms will be sent home this week.
 - ii. This year should be a little easier as Joe Corbi's will package by order.
 - iii. The date for pick up coincides with the conferences on the 13th.
 - iv. This will also be the pick-up for Spirit Wear.
 - v. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

5. Grants:

- a. We will support grants this year.
- b. The first grant to approve is for the Springer Garden, sponsored by Mrs. Romeo, Ms. Gibbons, and Mr. Brown. They plant/harvest throughout the year. The garden teaches kids about healthy eating and firsthand knowledge of the growing process. The \$500 grant will help get the garden started, help recover from last year's mole infestation, and support the supplies for the Harvest Celebrations. Motion to Approve Kristy Tobin/Second from Donna Rittenhouse. Approved.

6. Memberships:

- a. Kristine Woodruff is our Membership Chair.

- b. We continue to get membership forms but we are behind last year in total membership. Maybe you had forgotten to send in your form for this year? There is a link for membership, where you can sign up on line, under the PTA tab. You can also fill it in and send it either by your child or Mail to the school ATTN: PTA. \$20.00 for a family membership (2 adults) or \$12.00 for a single membership. It is a great deal and it is one small way to help support your PTA.

7. Miscellaneous PTA:

- a. Our next Meeting Tuesday, October 11th. We will have a special presentation from our U of D Interns. PTA emails are sent to those enrolled in the PTA.
 - b. PTA Meeting Dates (6:30 – 7:30 in the Library):
 - i. Monday, September 12th
 - ii. Tuesday, October 11th
 - iii. Wednesday, November 9th
 - iv. Tuesday, December 6th
 - v. Tuesday, January 10th
 - vi. Monday, February 13th
 - vii. Tuesday, March 14th
 - viii. Tuesday, April 11th
 - ix. Tuesday, May 9th
 - x. Back to School Luncheon help, thank you very much!
 - c. Thank you to the helpers for the Back to School Teacher Luncheon! The PTA also hosts an end of year Teacher Luncheon!
 - d. We are looking for a new Teacher Liaison.
 - e. Other Important Dates:
 - i. 9/17: 7th and 8th grade open house
 - ii. 9/21: Joe Corbi's Orders due back – with Payments
 - iii. 9/23: Spirit Wear Orders Due Back – Make Checks payable to Springer MS PTA
 - iv. 10/13: Joe Corbis' and Spirit Wear delivery and pick up from 4-7PM.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM